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**GOT MILK?**



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**SPORTS NEWS**  
**HOWIE TO WIN**



Los Angeles Angels' Howie Kendrick follows through on his RBI single in the ninth inning, breaking a 3-3 tie against the Boston Red Sox during a baseball game at Fenway Park in Boston, Thursday, Sept. 17, 2009. The Angels won 4-3.

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## AHATA announces Hepple as its new President and CEO

ORANJESTAD – The Aruba Hotel & Tourism Association (AHATA) and its board of directors is proud to announce the addition of James Richard Hepple as AHATA's next President and CEO.

James Hepple is a distinguished tourism professional who holds ample experience in the Caribbean region, and who will undoubtedly prove a valuable asset in the development of programs for AHATA members and in the further promotion of the destination of Aruba.

Hepple comes to Aruba from his last post in Saint Lucia, where he held a key position for the Saint Lucia Tourism Board (since 2007). In recent years, Hepple has served in

tourism director positions with Trinidad & Tobago (2005-2007), Curacao (2001-2005), Bahamas (1993-2001 and 1983-1989), and with Trusthouse Forte Hotels in Bermuda (1989-1991).

Previous to his Caribbean appointments, he first developed his tourism experience with the English Tourist Board (1973-1976). He later emigrated to Canada and joined the Toronto, Canada office of Pannell Kerr Forster as a consultant working on many hotel related studies. In 1979 he joined the Ottawa office of Thorne Stevenson & Kellogg, as Senior Consultant where he was responsible for numerous tourism marketing and feasibility assignments.

Hepple was born in Hexham, England and holds a PhD in Economic Geography and a First Class Honors BA degree in Geography, both from the University of Hull, Yorkshire, England. He has two children, Cameron 21 and Brittany 18. AHATA looks forward to welcoming Hepple to Aruba and to the AHATA staff in the fourth quarter of this year, after completing the appropriate legal requirements for his stay on island and on the job with AHATA. Hepple will replace the outgoing AHATA President & CEO Rob Smith, who is scheduled to vacate his current position with AHATA on October 16, 2009. After completing a successful two-year run as the President



& CEO of AHATA, Smith will be assuming responsibilities as the new general manager of the Radisson Aruba. AHATA board, staff and members look forward to his continued participation in the association as a resort GM. □

### Continuing her campaign for the upcoming election

## Michele Winklaar visit Holiday Inn Resort & Casino



ORANJESTAD - Recently candidate number 7 on the list of the political party AVP, Michelle Winklaar visited the Holiday Inn Resort and

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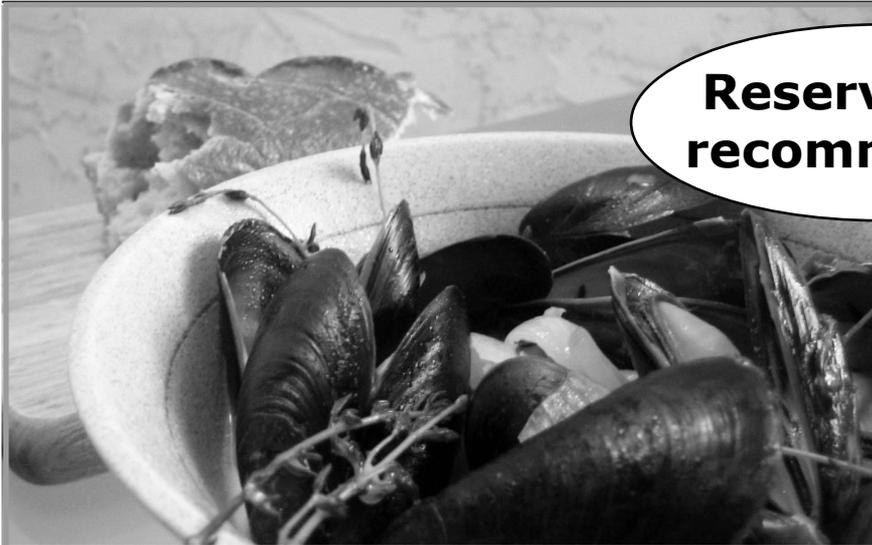


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**Welcomes a VIP Familiarization trip, Masso-Venezuela**



Palm Beach – Vicky Perez, a sales executive at the Radisson Aruba Resort Casino & Spa welcomed a group of VIP Venezuelan travel professionals as they checked into the resort. The group was escorted by Johannes Pizzurro and the Aruba Convention Bureau representative Jerusha Rasmijn.

While on the island the dignitaries will be inspecting various hotels and other facilities exploring the meetings and conventions possibilities here, and experiencing the hospitality of De Palm Tours and ECO Destination Management

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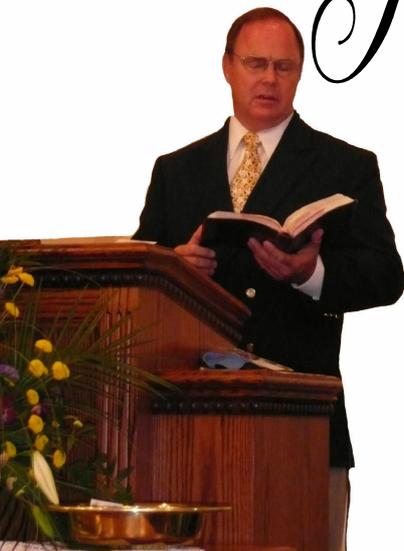


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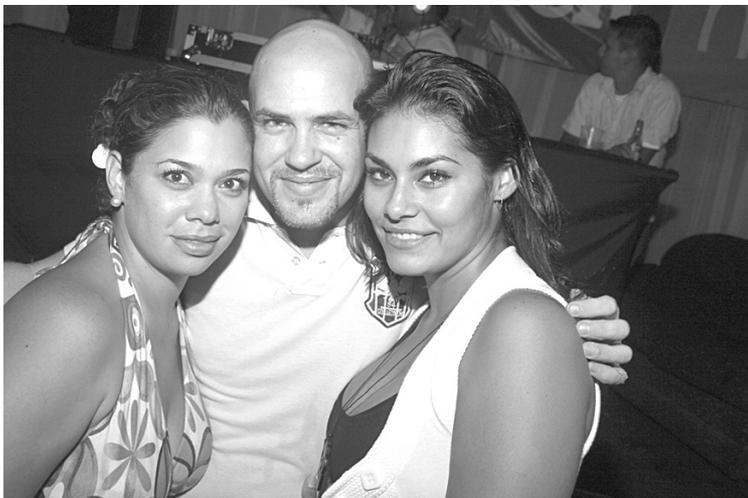
# Latin flavor at the Paseo Herencia Shopping Mall



PALM BEACH - This is the mojito week-end at the Paseo Herencia shopping centre across from the Holiday Inn. They are celebrating there "Food and Music" month with special prices for the public in general. This week-end is mojito week-end so be sure that all the bars and restaurants in the mall will be serving all flavors of mojito and at a very special price. And for all the kids they will be having their

famous kids village who will have a dino jump, face painting, cotton candy under the directions of Disney Creations.

Paseo Herencia is open daily from 10 in the morning to 9 in the evening for all the ones who love to shop. Aruba, you're invited to join us in this grand celebration and also not to leave out our water show every night at 7:30pm, 8:30pm and 9:30pm. We will be waiting on you! □



ORANJESTAD - After years of entertaining the Aruban community, Café Bahia closed its doors with a big bang. The nightclub was jampacked with its faithful visitors whom in all the years enjoyed the events and great happenings in Café Bahia.

And on its last day it wasn't any different. Those who were at Café Bahia danced and enjoyed and remembered the great moments they had.

On the pictures: the public saying farewell to Café Bahia. □

## Café Bahia closes its doors with a bang



# Aruba Poker Classic 2009 Scheduled



Ultimate Bet, leading online poker site, will host the 8th annual Aruba Poker Classic 2009. The exclusive tournament will be held at the gorgeous Radisson Aruba Resort, Spa & Casino with the same great island atmosphere as usual. The event will be held from

October 3rd through the 10th, and is expected to be one of the year's most extravagant events, as the UB celebration is set to begin with 500 competitors and a multi-million dollar cut for winning players. Phil Hellmuth, UB Team Pro member is excited too. He says, "The weeklong Aruba Poker Classic experience is what I'm looking forward to the most this year. Millions in prize money, more players than ever, UB's 10th birthday bash, and unbelievable parties. I mean what's not to love?" With large stacks of cash

waiting to be won, the Aruba Poker Classic will be a happy day for one lucky winner. Buy-ins start at \$5000/\$500 to the Main Event, but smaller priced levels start at just \$500/\$40. There will also be daily Texas Hold 'em games running, and other poker tables, as well, to suit everyone, from poker virgins to poker pros. The reputation of this event has grown to attract the best players from all corners of the globe. The competition is going to be fierce, and the playing stakes are set high. The event offers a one of kind experience where

everyday Joes who play online will have the opportunity to play against some real poker pros in live cash games. Just to drop a few names, of course Hellmuth will be there, along with fellow UB Pro, Annie Duke, among others. UltimateBet invites everyone to come to Aruba for the 8th annual Aruba Poker Classic and experience a poker event like no other, whether you want to compete or just lie on the beach. If you want to play, you can register at the Aruba Poker Classics online website now. □



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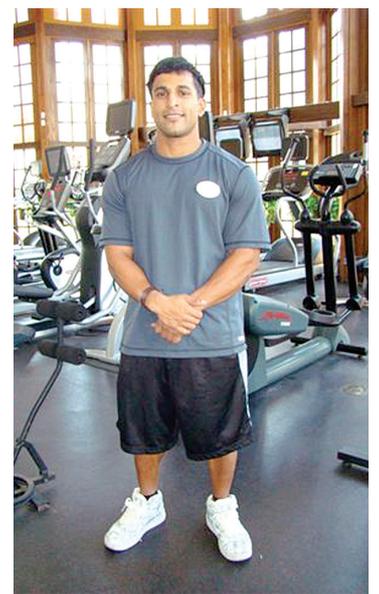
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# Hemradj Mulai, is first place winner of the SA championships



Palm Beach -- Divi Aruba Phoenix Beach Resort is proud to announce that Hemradj Mulai, on the team at Total Fitness, won first place in the Bantam Weight Category at the South American Bodybuilding Championship, which took place last weekend in Lima, Peru.

He will also be competing in Aruba for the upcoming championship event on Saturday night, in the Mr. Aruba 2009, National Bodybuilding Championship, this time in the Lightweight category.

While it was Hemradj's first international title, he is a veteran body builder, recognized as #8 in the world and well on his way to the top of the sport.

When asked about his routine Hemradj reveals it includes a cardio session between 3 a.m. and 4 a.m., a regular work schedule as a personal trainer at Total Fitness, Divi Aruba Phoenix Beach Resort, then about one and a half hours of Gym workout and another hour-long cardio session, with small meals interspersed, and plenty of rest, no parties, no late night adventures.

It's a strict regime, he agrees, and he has been totally committed to body building for the past 4 months in preparation for competition, but since he plans on becoming the world's #1, all the sacrifices are well worth it.

Wendy Lacle and Rene Wild are pictured here with him, two of Aruba's most-knowledgeable fitness gurus, they are Hemradj work colleagues at Total Fitness. □

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Fishes & More is currently taking seafood dining up to a higher level by renovating their kitchen, bar and indoor dining room. In the same time, the owners don't want to deprive patrons of their fantastic dishes, so they've created a special Grill -Style ambiance and new menu for everyone to enjoy.

Fishes & More specializes in fresh fish and seafood, and at the same time please the non-fish lovers as well. The "Grill" menu includes



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Pam-Pam Café is situated in a delightful tropical setting that is the perfect backdrop for a show by 2002 World Salsa Champions Janice and Oslin Boekhoudt, who run their Pachanga Dance School

out Perle D'Or. They and their dance troupe put on a show of the exotic Zouk, originating from the French islands of Guadeloupe and Martinique, and inspiration for the Brazilian Lambada. If their sensual movements inspire any audience members, they can sign up at Pam-Pam for private dance lessons from the Pachanga crew, which also teach Salsa and Merengue.

In addition to the island music and dance, reasonably prices snacks (10.50 in Aruban florins (\$6) for an Assorted Snack Platter or Buffalo Wings among



other choices) and cocktails are available throughout the evening. From 11 PM until closing time, Pam-Pam offers a special on top shelf whiskey for only 6 Aruban



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Pam Pam restaurant

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in Aruba, is found only at their establishment and which they have dubbed their "Gourmet Meal." A grill and a collection of the freshest of ingredients for the various dishes ordered are assembled tableside, and patrons prepare the food themselves, controlling their preference of seasonings and garnishes, along with degree of doneness, providing a unique and personal taste treat. It is suggested that reservations for this singular dining experience be made one day in advance.

When you want to see restaurants menu, visit: [www.visitaruba.com](http://www.visitaruba.com) Phone; 5877710 or 5932660

# Housekeeping Week is celebrated with a Cultural Fiesta



Ballroom and that the winners of the Fiesta Cultural featuring Aruban, Surinamese, Dominican, Venezuelan and Colombian food will be recognized later in the week. Housekeeping Week was designed to raise awareness of the department's many contributions to guest satisfaction at the famed Palm Beach resort, the flagship of the Radisson Hotel & Resort chain.



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# Paula & Drew Stevenson host a rehearsal dinner at Amazonia



Palm Beach – Paula & Drew, the lovebirds from North Carolina enjoyed a terrific rehearsal dinner party at Amazonia Churrascaria. Staying at the Renaissance Aruba Resort, Paula & Drew were surrounded by 39 family members, parents, grandparents and friends as they celebrated on the eve of their private island wedding, at the Palm Beach landmark over an abundant salad bar and more than 16 grilled specialties. Pictured here the welcome cocktail in the restaurant lounge, congratulations are hereby sent to parents Phil & Angela, Bill & Tish and the new Mr & Mrs. Stevenson ☐



**Aruba TODAY**  
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# Agreements on dismantling signed

WILLEMSTAD -- The agreements reached during the two-day dismantling talks in Curaçao were not signed off on by the Central Government and the Island governments of St. Maarten and Curaçao Thursday night because Curaçao Constitutional Affairs Commissioner Zita Jesus-Leito first had to consult with her Executive Council. Prime Minister Emily de Jongh-Elhage said the delay in the signing of the end-of-talks declaration or decision list was not due to hiccups, rather it had more to do with the lateness of the hour and the standing agreement Jesus-

Leito had with the other commissioners in the Island Government coalition.

While two commissioners were initially present during the two-day dismantling talks, most left as the evening wore on. Jesus-Leito gave the go-ahead to sign the agreement yesterday, Friday. Once completed, it will be signed by the Prime Minister and sent via fax for Constitutional Affairs Commissioner William Marlin to affix his signature on behalf of St. Maarten.

De Jongh-Elhage told this newspaper that the meeting had been good. "There are no problems at all," she said, pressing that the failure to sign the agreement had had nothing to do with disagreement on the content, but rather the promise of Jesus-Leito to her Executive Council.

"We have to go on working together, that's it. I think the new Countries Curaçao and St. Maarten have to work together so everyone can see we will become [new] countries [within the Dutch Kingdom]," the Prime Minister continued. In addition to the continued transfer of Central Government tasks, St. Maarten and Curaçao

spoke about how they would or should continue to cooperate in various areas such as with the Social Insurance Bank SVB, the General Pension Fund APNA and Capriles Clinic. Both islands have agreed to continue talks in these areas.

Constitutional Affairs Minister Roland Duncan said everything was on track for the transfer of tasks to the islands as per the January 2010 deadline set last year. The draft laws on decentralisation that will make all this happen are nearing completion and should make their passage through parliament before yearend.

Central Government civil servants attached to departments set to be transferred to the island in January will also be made available to the islands at that time to complete the transition. Budget resources connected to these tasks will also be sent to the islands together with the transfer of tasks.

Jesus-Leito said agreements made for the transfer of Central Government civil servants on Curaçao allowed for them to get their placement offers four months prior to the island becoming a country within the

Dutch Kingdom. This position was also said to be agreeable to the unions.

"We are prepared to take over the tasks of the Netherlands Antilles and St. Maarten is [also] preparing," she said, adding that the islands have to see where they need to continue cooperation "to make sure we are strong and ready." The two-day meeting also served as a preparatory session for the September 30 Kingdom Political Steering Group meeting, during which an exact date for the transition to country status for Curaçao and St. Maarten is expected to be agreed on.

St. Maarten's delegation returned home yesterday. Delegation leader Commissioner Marlin did not give any comment after the meeting, preferring to wait for a planned press conference at Princess Juliana International Airport mid-morning.

Marlin, Finance Commissioner Xavier Blackman and Opposition leader Island Councilwoman Sarah Wescot-Williams, along with a group of advisors, formed the St. Maarten delegation. □

## Can of worms

Aruba has opened a can of worms by sending back Dutch European visitors who have overstayed their welcome on the island. Dutch State Secretary for Kingdom Relations Ank Bijleveld-Schouten has now predictably called for reciprocity within the Kingdom.

To be clear, such reciprocity never existed, mostly because of the difference in size between the Netherlands on the one hand and the Dutch Caribbean on the other. To protect their small labour markets the islands have always had admittance and expulsion regulations to restrict immigration by people from the European part of the Kingdom, while Dutch passport holders from the islands were always free to settle in the Netherlands.

There is in itself nothing wrong with this apparent discrepancy, because it is internationally accepted and part of the United Nations decolonisation guidelines that (former) so-called "mother countries" should in principle allow free access to citizens of their (ex-)colonies without necessarily demanding equal treatment in return, considering the advantage they historically enjoyed in the relationship.

Over the years the Netherlands Antilles and Aruba have actually loosened their respective restrictions for Dutch Europeans when it comes to working and living on the islands. This was partly a result of court verdicts involving, for example, denying a Dutch citizen allowed to live somewhere in the Kingdom with his or her spouse the right to work there, but also done to attract Dutch retirees, the so-called "pensionados," because of their contributions to the local economy.

The problem is that Aruba has now become stricter in enforcing still existing regulations there as a result of more accessible data on how long individuals have been on the island, with the result that Dutch Europeans who failed to register as anything else but visitors have been asked to leave after they have stayed longer than six months.

With the Dutch Government now considering a Kingdom People Movement Law that would make it possible to send Antilleans who jeopardise safety and security in the Netherlands back to the islands, Aruba's change of tactics could not have come at a worse time. For years there have been efforts to restrict the influx of especially Antillean youngsters in the Netherlands because of the problems some of them have been causing in major Dutch cities, but these efforts have been blocked by the islands successfully so far. Aruba making problems about a handful of European Dutchmen extending their visits perhaps a little more than officially allowed is only going to make resisting the current people movement law proposal that much more difficult. Rather than more restrictions, what the islands perhaps should consider is removing the ones that remain, because the notion that people from the Netherlands, where the wages and benefits are generally much better, would flock to the islands to take over all the jobs is exaggerated and the kind of inferior thinking that has become outdated at best. □

## George cautions employers not to misuse Brooks Accord

PHILIPSBURG--National Alliance (NA) Parliamentarian George Pantophlet cautioned employers against using the Brooks Tower Accord as a way to legalize their workers and allow people who most need to get their status regulated to do so.

The accord gives three groups of people, depending on their date of arrival in the Netherlands Antilles, specific guidelines about if, how and when they can apply for residency. The accord signed by the Lt. Governors and then Justice Minister David Dick is still to go into effect.

Justice Minister Magali Jacoba anticipates that this will be enforced as of October 31 and not this month as was originally announced. However, implementation is contingent on some judicial procedures that have to be finalized.

Also, the Immigration and Naturalization Building on A Th. Illidge Road is almost ready to be occupied. Immigration and Police Affairs personnel might relocate there some time later this month. Pantophlet met with Minister Jacoba recently to discuss the implementation of the accord and other justice-related matters.

The minister specifically said that there will be no grace or amnesty period based on the accord; rather it gets legal stipulations for people who qualify to apply for residency.

In a press statement, he said, "We should not underestimate the social and economic impact this protocol will have on our island."

The parliamentarian also spoke to the minister about positions and difficulties facing some of the police brigadiers and inspectors. These officers went on a go-slow last month in protest at several issues, including their pending promotions. "The Minister informed me that she is working to resolve the situation. She has requested certain information from the police force that will allow her to solve this problem once and for all," Pantophlet said. Jacoba is working in close cooperation with Local Chief of Police Lt. Governor Franklyn Richards to gather the necessary information.

Pantophlet also raised matters Police Inspector Carlton Phillips has about his position, among other issues, with the minister. However, Jacoba could not say much on the matter because of the ongoing investigation. □

# BUSINESS

## Aruba TODAY

### Stocks advance as investors look to resume rally

By TIM PARADIS,

AP Business Writers

NEW YORK — Stocks climbed Friday as investors looked to extend a strong run that has left major indexes up 2 percent for the week.

The market rose the first three

days of the week on good signs about the economy, but slipped Thursday as investors worried that the rally was overdone. Stocks have risen eight of the past 10 days and indexes like the Dow Jones industrial average touched new highs for

the year on Wednesday.

Marc Harris, co-head of global research for RBC Capital Markets in New York, said the strength of the rally has surprised many investors because some of the stocks posting the biggest

#### A look at economic developments around the globe

*A look at economic developments and activity in major stock markets around the world Friday:*

**SOCHI, Russia** — Russia's Prime Minister Vladimir Putin said other currencies besides the dollar should be used as global reserves to reduce the risks posed by swelling U.S. debt. Putin, who spoke at an international investment forum in the Black Sea resort of Sochi, chided the United States for "an uncontrolled issue of dollars" and said the American currency's dominance had been "one of the triggers" of the global crisis. Putin renewed Russia's call on the U.S. administration and global community to give the green light to alternative reserve currencies. President Dmitry Medvedev's economic advisor, Arkady Dvorkovich, said Thursday that Russia would at next week's G-20 summit in Pittsburgh press for more follow-through on measures to confront the global downturn and to change Western-dominated international financial institutions.

**LONDON** — The recession's toll on British government finances was highlighted by official figures showing the government borrowed a record 16.1 billion pounds (\$26.3 billion) in August, just days after Prime Minister Gordon Brown conceded that whoever wins the next election will have to take an axe to spending. The rise took net borrowing to 65.3 billion pounds for the first five months of the financial year so far, the Office for National Statistics said — more than double the 26.1 billion pounds seen at the same stage last year.

**MEXICO CITY** — Mexico's central bank says the country's recession has "hit bottom and a stage of growth will begin" in the second half. The central bank has decided to leave its interbank interest rate unchanged at 4.5 percent, saying inflation is declining and the world economy is recovering. The bank's reported it expects annual inflation of 4 percent by the end of 2009. Despite

signs of a rebound in industrial production and consumer confidence, the bank says that recovery in wages and employment will be "gradual and delayed."

**SKOPJE, Macedonia** — Macedonia has declared its economy in recession after reporting a second consecutive quarter of negative growth. The State Statistical Office reported 1.4 percent negative growth in the second quarter of 2009, following a 0.9 percent contraction over the previous three months. Conservative Prime minister Nikola Gruevski said the latest figure was better the government's prediction of a 2 percent shrinkage.

**BERLIN** — German Chancellor Angela Merkel says the Group of 20 summits of rich and developing nations should be the main global forum in future on economic questions — but not necessarily on security issues. Merkel said the future of the G-20, which adds fast-growing economic powers such as China, India and Brazil to the Group of Eight industrial nations, will be an issue at next week's summit in Pittsburgh.

**TOKYO** — Japanese stocks fell with sentiment turning downbeat after ailing consumer finance company Aiful sought to delay its massive debt repayments, while many investors stayed on the sidelines ahead of a five-day holiday.

The benchmark Nikkei 225 index fell 73.26 points, or 0.7 percent, to 10,370.54. During the week, the key stock index shed 0.7 percent. The broader Topix index slipped 0.01 percent to 939.44. Japan's financial markets are closed from Monday to Wednesday due to public holidays. Sentiment also turned sluggish after Aiful Corp. said it will ask creditors to delay repayments of 280 billion yen (\$2.8 billion) in debt. □



A trader works on the floor of the New York Stock Exchange September 18, 2009.

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advances are of lower-quality companies with weak balance sheets that investors only months ago feared might go out of business.

"Even turkeys are going to fly in a hurricane," Harris said. "Those lower-quality companies are leading the charge here."

Financial companies and home builders have been among the biggest gainers in the recent run. Many of these companies still face major hurdles with bad debt and the weak housing market.

On Thursday, American Airlines parent AMR Corp. surged 19.7 percent after the company said it had secured \$2.9 billion in cash and financing. Some investors have been worried about its stability.

Many analysts expect the market's gains will slow but not stop as investors shift their holdings from industries where the gains have been strong like technology to areas that have lagged.

In midafternoon trading, the Dow rose 55.02, or 0.6 percent, to 9,838.94. The broader Standard & Poor's 500 index rose 4.87, or 0.5 percent, to 1,070.36, while the Nasdaq composite index advanced 10.91, or 0.5 percent, to 2,137.66.

Bond prices fell, pushing yields higher. The yield on the

benchmark 10-year Treasury note rose to 3.48 percent from 3.39 percent late Thursday. The dollar was mixed against other major currencies, while gold prices fell.

Crude oil rose 2 cents to \$72.49 per barrel on the New York Mercantile Exchange.

With little economic news to shape sentiment, investors focused on corporate developments.

Palm Inc. posted a wider fiscal first-quarter loss and provided a disappointing sales forecast after the market closed on Thursday. Its shares fell 50 cents, or 3.5 percent, to \$13.95.

Advancing stocks narrowly outpaced those that fell on the New York Stock Exchange, where volume came to 1.1 billion shares compared with 930.8 million shares traded at the same point Thursday.

Trading was heavy because of the occurrence of a quarterly "quadruple witching," which marks the simultaneous expiration of four kinds of options and futures contracts.

The Russell 2000 index of smaller companies rose 2.68, or 0.4 percent, to 618.16.

Overseas, Japan's Nikkei stock average fell 0.7 percent. In afternoon trading, Britain's FTSE 100 rose 0.2 percent, Germany's DAX index fell 0.5 percent and France's CAC-40 slipped 0.2 percent. □

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# Benefits of exercise differ by sex and race

NEW YORK (Reuters Health) – How much health benefit you get from physical exercise might depend on your gender, and your race, new research suggests.

The work is based on data from more than 15,000 middle-aged African American and Caucasian men and women who have been participating since the late 1980s in the large Atherosclerosis Risk in Communities Study.

According to a report in the Journal of Lipid Research, people who added about an hour of mild exercise per week or half an hour of moderate exercise had increased levels of heart-healthy HDL.

In the study, “mild exercise” included such activities as walking for pleasure, bowling, or weight lifting. “Moderate exercise” could have been a more strenuous activity such as basketball, hiking, or modern dance.

The research team, led by Dr. Keri Monda at the University of North Carolina in Chapel Hill, also found that increased exercise generally produced significant decreases in harmful triglycerides, but only in Caucasians.

Similar beneficial effects of exercise on HDL cholesterol and triglycerides have been found in other studies.

Monda’s team also discovered, however, that increased activity improved levels of artery-clogging LDL

cholesterol in women, but not in men. Also, they found, added exercise brought total cholesterol levels down, but only in Black women.

These variations in response, the research team says, “are for the most part” new.

What’s behind these differences? The researchers aren’t sure, but they speculate that hormonal differences between men and women and genetic differences between races account for at least some of their findings.

Also, they admit, some of

their information on the study participants was gathered by questionnaire, and while this is a standard technique in long-term studies, it’s not guaranteed to be 100 percent accurate.

Nevertheless, Monda and her colleagues point out, their work provides additional evidence that exercise has a beneficial effect on HDL cholesterol and triglycerides. “Overall, our results highlight the importance of physical activity on plasma lipid profiles,” they wrote. □



A jogger (2nd L) passes fitness enthusiasts performing stretching exercises after sunrise at Queenscliff Beach in Sydney on the first day of Spring September 1, 2008.

REUTERS/Will Burgess

## Birth control could help combat climate change

LONDON – Giving contraceptives to people in developing countries could help fight climate change by slowing population growth, experts said Friday.

More than 200 million women worldwide want contraceptives, but don’t have access to them, according to an editorial published in the British medical journal, Lancet. That results in 76 million unintended pregnancies every year.

If those women had access to free condoms or other birth control methods, that could slow rates of population growth, possibly easing the pressure on the environment, the editors say.

“There is now an emerging debate and interest about the links between population dynamics, sexual and reproductive health and rights, and climate change,” the commentary says.

In countries with access to condoms and other contraceptives, average family sizes tend to fall significantly within a generation. Until

recently, many U.S.-funded health programs did not pay for or encourage condom use in poor countries, even to fight diseases such as AIDS.

The world’s population is projected to jump to 9 billion by 2050, with more than 90 percent of that growth coming from developing countries.

It’s not the first time lifestyle issues have been tied to the battle against global warming. Climate change experts have previously recommended that people cut their meat intake to slow global warming by reducing the numbers of animals using the world’s resources.

The Lancet editorial cited a British report which says family planning is five times cheaper than usual technologies used to fight climate change. According to the report, each \$7 spent on basic family planning would slash global carbon dioxide emissions by more than 1 ton. □

## Burns in young children may be missed sign of abuse

By Amy Norton

NEW YORK (Reuters Health) – Burns in young children are a potential warning sign of abuse and neglect, but the risk can initially go unrecognized, a UK study finds.

In a follow-up of 145 children who were hospitalized for burns before the age of 3, researchers found that, by age 6, one-third of the children were referred to social services because of concerns for their welfare. Meanwhile, almost 10 percent were placed in protective services because of abuse or neglect.

Yet, at the time of the initial burn injury, just under 3 percent were judged to be “non-accidental.” □

# Early, smaller version of T. rex discovered

By RANDOLPH E. SCHMID,  
AP Science Writer

WASHINGTON — About 125 million years ago a tiny version of Tyrannosaurus rex roamed what is now northeastern China. Tiny, that is, by T. rex standards — you still wouldn't want to meet it face to face.

Described by paleontologist Paul Sereno as "punk size," this early predator would have weighed about 150 pounds.

It just seems small compared to the giant T. rex that evolved millions of years later and was as much as 100 times more massive.

"It really is the blueprint for the later (T. rex) dinosaurs," Sereno said, "it was a blueprint that was scalable."

Described for the first time in Thursday's ScienceExpress, the online edition of the journal Science, the new dinosaur has been named Raptorex kriegsteini.

Sereno reports that Raptorex has all the hallmarks of T. rex, including a large head, tiny arms and lanky feet — just in

a smaller size.

"What we're looking at is a blueprint for a fast-running set of jaws," Sereno said at a briefing arranged by the American Association for the Advancement of Science.

The giant T. rex dominated much of the planet from about 90 million years ago until the great extinction 65 million years ago.

Raptorex would have stood a lanky 9 feet tall, said Sereno, of the University of Chicago and also a National Geographic explorer in residence.

The newly described remains were found by fossil hunters in northern China, smuggled out of that country and offered for sale to collector Henry Kriegstein of Higham, Mass., Sereno said.

Kriegstein, for whom the animal is now named, donated the materials to science and they will be returned to China.

The fossil was encased in a single block of stone, Sereno said. That stone allowed the researchers to trace the find to

its original location.

The way the bones were fused indicates the animal died at the age of five or six, which is nearly adult. It would have matured at eight or 10 and been old by 20, added co-author Stephen Brusatte of the American Museum of Natural History.

The find also shows that features such as the animal's tiny arms did not evolve as T. rex grew larger, but were present in the much earlier forms, Brusatte said.

"Much of what we thought we knew about T. rex turns out to be simplistic or out-and-out wrong," Brusatte said.

Sereno said Raptorex was a predator. Some scientists debate whether T. rex was a predator or scavenger.

Dinosaur expert John R. Horner of the Museum of the Rockies at Montana State University was cautious about the find.

"It's hard to evaluate their conclusions," he said, calling the report interesting but adding that the drawing in the



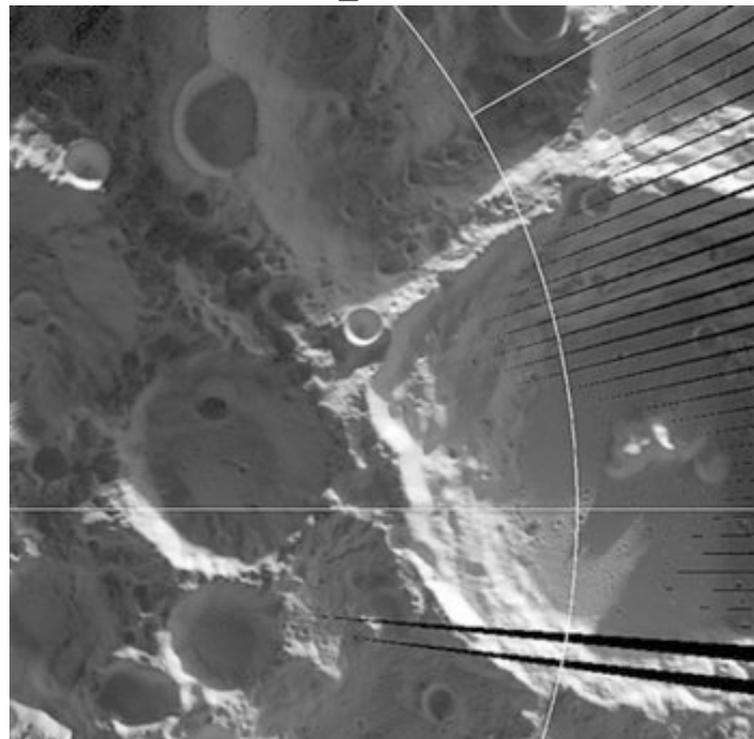
**This undated handout illustration provided by the journal Science shows a Raptorex. Weighing as little as 1/100th of its descendant T. Rex, Raptorex shows off its distinctive body plan of this most dominant line of predatory dinosaurs. About 125 million years ago a tiny version of Tyrannosaurus rex roamed what is now northeastern China. Tiny, that is, by T. rex standards — you still wouldn't want to meet it face to face. Described by paleontologist Paul Sereno as 'punk size,' this early predator stood about 9 feet tall. It just seems small compared to the giant T. rex that evolved millions of years later and was as much as 100 times more massive.**

(AP Photo/Science, Todd Marshall)

paper shows some differences Raptorex was an ancestor of from a T. rex in addition to T. rex. being smaller.

However, he added, he didn't see anything that would disprove their theory that the research was funded by the Whitten-Newman Foundation and the National Geographic Society. □

## Coldest place in the solar system? Right nearby



**This undated image provided by NASA, taken by NASA's Lunar Reconnaissance Orbiter, shows the crater called Faustini, upper, center, on the south pole of the moon, where temperatures reached 397-degrees below zero. Some of those coldest temperatures in the solar system were measured in the crater called Faustini. Astronomers have found the coldest spot in our solar system and it may be a little close for comfort. It's on our moon, right nearby.**

(AP Photo/NASA)

By SETH BORENSTEIN,  
AP Science Writer

WASHINGTON — Astronomers have found the coldest spot in our solar system and it may be a little close for comfort. It's on our moon, right nearby.

NASA's new Lunar Reconnaissance Orbiter is making the first complete temperature map of the moon. It found that at the moon's south pole, it's colder than far away Pluto. The area is inside craters that are permanently shadowed so they never see sun.

"It's sort of like a faint glow and that's your only source of heat," said David Paige, a University of California, Los Angeles, scientist who is part of the NASA team. "Right here in our own backyard are definitely the coldest things we've seen in real measurements."

Temperatures there were measured at 397 degrees below zero. That's just 35 degrees higher than the lowest temperature possible.

Pluto is at least a degree warmer even though it is about 40 times farther away from the sun.

The coldest temperatures on the moon were usually in craters that were within bigger craters, hiding farther from the sun, Paige said.

Three craters where the cold temperatures were noted were Faustini, Shoemaker and Haworth.

And some of the coldest places are so remote and unexplored they don't even have names yet, he said.

Soon, the moon's south pole will slightly warm up with the change of seasons and the north pole will get chillier, he said.

That ultra-cold temperature is important because it can trap volatile chemicals, such as water and methane, said NASA probe project scientist Richard Vondrak. Trapped volatiles would give any future astronauts resources to mine and could help scientists understand more about the origin of the early solar system, he said.

The moon probe, only a week into its science mission, has also found lots of indications of hydrogen, which could indicate trapped ice below the moon's surface, Vondrak said.

While NASA has been to the moon with astronauts and explored it many times decades ago, this is the first close-up look in about a decade and is focusing on the tantalizing south pole, where there is the best chance for hidden ice. "It's unexplored," Paige said. "Nobody's seen what it's like in these areas before at this resolution."

And the closer, NASA's instruments look at the craters, the more nuanced they look. □

# Film festival brings AIDS orphan's work to world



In this film publicity image released by Venice Arts, teenage African AIDS orphan Alcides Soares, is shown. He stars in the short film 'Mozambique,' showing in theaters, art centers and galleries worldwide as part of the 12th annual Manhattan Short film festival.

By LYNN ELBER,  
AP Television Writer  
LOS ANGELES — Writer-producer Neal Baer is accustomed to 12 million or so Americans flipping on their TV sets for an episode of his drama "Law & Order: Special Victims Unit."

But for a film Baer deems his "passion project," the distribution is far different. "Mozambique," by teenage African AIDS orphan Alcides Soares, will show in theaters, art centers and galleries worldwide as part of the 12th annual Manhattan Short Film Festival.

Beginning Sunday, the festival is showcasing 10 short films that will screen more than 500 times over an eight-day period in every U.S. state and a total of 173 cities worldwide.

Baer shepherded "Mozambique" from start to finish after meeting Soares, then 16, through Baer's work with a project to teach photography to African youngsters from AIDS-devastated families.

"I spoke to him for about half-an-hour and could see that he was a gifted storyteller," Baer recalled. "I asked him if he wanted to learn how to make a movie in order to tell his story and he leapt at the opportunity."

"Mozambique," a documentary chronicling the youngster's quest to find a new family, "gives voice not only to the plight of AIDS orphans, but also to one young man's dreams of overcoming this terrible pandemic," Baer said. Soares' film is among the

and "Parking" by Jose Molina of Spain. Each is 14 minutes or shorter.

Audiences can vote for their favorite, with the winner to be announced Sept. 29. Some past films have gone on to garner Academy Award nominations, Manhattan Short founding director Nicholas Mason said. One, 1998's "Bunny," by "Ice Age" filmmaker Chris Wedge, received the Oscar.

But the New York-based festival's chief goal is to bring fresh perspectives to a wide audience, Mason said.

"There is no better insight to what is happening in the world or how the world is feeling than through the eyes, ears and lenses of these short filmmakers," he said.

Soares, now 19, lives in

Maputo, Mozambique, and attends a private high school with help from Baer. The two were brought together through a photography project, "The House Is Small but the Welcome Is Big," co-founded by Baer and the Los Angeles-based nonprofit Venice Arts to bring attention to Africa's AIDS crisis and promote action.

Baer, a physician-turned-TV producer long interested in using storytelling to illuminate social and health issues, called on his circle to help with Soares' film.

"Law & Order: SVU" stars Mariksa Hargitay, Christopher Meloni and the NBC show's writers donated a video camera, and funding came from the NBC Universal and

"Law & Order" franchise creator Dick Wolf's Wolf Films, producer of the 2003 Oscar-winning "Twin Towers" documentary and an upcoming one on the Doors, "When You're Strange," narrated by Johnny Depp.

Festival founder Mason encouraged Soares to trim the film from its original 27-minute length to meet the festival's requirements. He said its message remains as powerful for the worldwide audience it will reach.

"I was just sent a press clipping from Galway, Ireland, where the films will screen, and there's a picture in the paper of Alcides," Mason said. "It brings awareness to the situation." □

(AP Photo/Venice Arts)

finalists that include U.S. entry "The Boundary" by Julius Onah, "Love Child" by Daniel Wirtberg of Sweden

## Cuba gears up for mega-concert

By PAUL HAVEN,  
Associated Press Writer

HAVANA — An international rock star is bringing a mega-concert to Cuba — a spectacle that could be the biggest visit by an outsider since Pope John Paul II's 1998 tour — while shrugging off death threats over an event he has dedicated to peace.

Juanes' show is expected to draw hundreds of thousands of people to the iconic Plaza of the Revolution, where the pope celebrated Mass and the scene of some of Fidel Castro's most famous speeches.

Juanes, who has won 17 Latin Grammy awards, more than any other artist, is known for his social activism.

Sunday's show, which promises a rare dose of big-name entertainment in a tightly controlled country starved for a release, is the second installment of Juanes' "Peace Without Borders" series.

The first concert in March 2008 drew tens of thousands to the border between Venezuela and Colombia when tensions between the two countries were high over a Colombian commando raid into neighboring Ecuador to kill a leading rebel commander.

Juanes has promised the afternoon concert in Cuba will be about music, not politics, but such sentiments are nearly impossible here.

Many Cuban-Americans in South Florida are angry about the show, saying that simply by showing up, Juanes has endorsed Cuba's closed communist system. The Colombian star has received death threats on his Twitter page, and police in Key Biscayne, Florida, say they are keeping watch over the homes of both the rocker and his manager, Fernan Martinez Maecha.

And the location of the concert itself makes this concert unique. Earlier shows, including performances by Billy Joel in 1979 and Bonnie Raitt 20 years later, have been held indoors or on the Havana waterfront.

This show is slated for the iconic Plaza of the Revolution, which features a giant overhead likeness of revolutionary icon Ernesto "Che" Guevara and the heavily guarded offices of Fidel and Raul Castro.

Some critics have called for a boycott of Juanes' music and a small anti-Castro group known as Vigilia Mambisa has announced a CD-smashing protest to coincide with Sunday's performance.

Others in the Cuban-American community in Florida have



A worker walks on the stage that will host the upcoming 'Peace Without Borders' concert at the Revolution square in Havana, Friday, Sept. 18, 2009. The concert, organized by Colombia's musician Juanes, will take place on Sept. 20.

(AP Photo/Javier Galeano)

voiced support for the event, and Spanish-language stations are gearing up for coverage.

Carlos Saladrigas, head of the Cuba Study Project, a business-oriented group of Cuban-American leaders that advocates increased dialogue and trade between the countries, called the concert "a great opportunity for the Cuban people to have a window to the outside world."

What anger exists across the Florida Straits comes despite the fact that leading Cuban dissidents on the island have voiced support for the concert. This month, 24 of the 75 Cuban opposition activists arrested in a 2003 government crackdown on political dissent signed a letter saying the show should go on.

Puerto Rican singer Olga Tanon, one of at least 14 artists who will perform in addition to Juanes on Sunday, said she has come to the island for just one reason: to sing.

"I have not come to Cuba to talk about politics, because I am not a politician," she said Wednesday.

Still, Tanon said earlier from Puerto Rico that she would like to see more opening with respect to the island. "Obviously, we want there to be a bit more communication at the global level with Cuba," she said.

And despite the nonpolitical aims of the organizers, some Cuban officials have used the event to take a swipe at U.S. policy on Cuba, particularly its 47-year embargo, which Cuba refers to as a blockade. □

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# Google says Apple rejected voice app for iPhone

WASHINGTON (Reuters) - Google Inc said Apple Inc rejected its Google Voice application for the popular iPhone, contradicting Apple's statement to regulators last month. The issue prompted the Federal Communications Commission to send letters to the companies and AT&T Inc, the iPhone's exclusive carrier, demanding explanations. The issue over Google's voice service could have far-reaching implications for the U.S. telecommunications industry. Depending on how the FCC responds, it could either pave the way for new entrants or hinder their ability to use large carriers' phones to offer discount services. It also represents a quandary for regulators trying to promote the use of broadband among all Americans for communications, healthcare and education as wireless technology changes at such a

rate that may outpace current rules. According to redacted material made public on the FCC's website on Friday, Google said it was told of the rejection by Apple representatives after a series of meetings, telephone calls and emails. In its response letter in August, Apple said it had not rejected the application and was still studying it because it appears to replace the iPhone's core mobile telephone functionality and user interface with its own system for telephone calls, text messaging and voicemail. Apple maintained that position on Friday. "We do not agree with all of the statements made by Google in their FCC letter," Apple spokesman Steve Dowling said. "Apple has not rejected the Google voice application, and we continue to discuss it with Google."

The letters from the companies were in response to an inquiry launched in July by the FCC, which under new leadership is also taking a fresh look into the state of competition in the wireless industry. The FCC, chaired by Julius Genachowski, wanted to know why Apple rejected Google Voice and what was discussed among Apple, Google and AT&T. One quandary regulators face is the fact that Google, which is not regulated by the FCC, has the right to restrict calls or connections. That has raised the ire of carriers like Verizon Communications Inc, AT&T, Sprint Nextel Corp and Qwest Communications International Inc. The FCC essentially told those companies in 2007 that they could not restrict calls to avoid high fees associated with adult chat lines or free conference calls by companies routing calls



through rural carriers aimed at generating fees. In the 2007 order the FCC said: "All customers will continue to be able to connect with anyone on the network that they so choose." In the redacted portion, Google said it had no

communications with AT&T. Google said Apple also rejected the Google Latitude application over concerns it would replace preloaded maps applications in the iPhone and create user confusion. □



In this Sept. 10, 2009 photo, job hunters wait in line to meet with recruiters at a job fair in Philadelphia. Forty-two states lost jobs last month, up from 29 in July, with the biggest payroll cuts coming in Texas, Michigan, Georgia and Ohio.

*Associated Press*

## 42 states lose jobs in August, up from July

CHRISTOPHER S. RUGABER  
AP Economics Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) — Forty-two states lost jobs last month, up from 29 in July, with the biggest net payroll cuts coming in Texas, Michigan, Georgia and Ohio.

The Labor Department also reported Friday that 27 states saw their unemployment rates increase in August, and 14 states and Washington D.C., reported unemployment rates of 10 percent or above.

The report shows jobs remain scarce even as most analysts believe the economy is pulling out of the worst recession since the 1930s. Federal Reserve Chairman Ben Bernanke said earlier this week that the recovery isn't likely to be rapid enough to reduce unemployment for some time.

The jobless rate nationwide is expected to peak above 10 percent next year, from its current 9.7 percent.

"You are seeing the pace of job losses slow a little bit," said Mike Lynch, a regional economist at IHS Global Insight. But states "are not out of the woods yet."

The United States lost 216,000 jobs in August, the department said earlier this month, down from 276,000 in July. Employers have eliminated 6.9 million jobs since the recession began in December 2007.

Texas lost 62,200 jobs as its unemployment rate rose to 8 percent in August for the first time

in 22 years. The state's leisure, construction and manufacturing industries were hardest hit, losing 35,500 jobs.

Michigan saw 42,900 jobs disappear, including 15,000 in manufacturing, as the state continued to suffer along with its struggling auto industry.

Michigan's unemployment rate rose to 15.2 percent, the highest in the nation. When its jobless rate topped 15 percent in June it was the first time any state surpassed that mark since 1984.

Nevada has the second-highest rate at 13.2 percent, followed by Rhode Island at 12.8 percent and California and Oregon at 12.2 percent each.

The jobless rates in California, Nevada and Rhode Island were the highest on records dating to 1976. California and Nevada have been slammed by the housing bust, while Rhode Island has lost thousands of manufacturing and government jobs in the past year.

Georgia and Ohio reported the third and fourth-highest job losses, respectively, but their unemployment rates both fell as many of the unemployed dropped out of the work force.

The four states with the largest drops in their unemployment rates — Indiana, Colorado, Kansas and Virginia — experienced similar trends: thousands of jobless workers gave up on their searches and left the work force. None of those states actually added any jobs. □

## First swine flu vaccines may be nasal spray



In this photo made on Friday, Sept. 11, 2009, a tray of influenza vaccine is in the medical center for the Bayer Corporation U.S. headquarters in the Pittsburgh suburb Robinson, Pa. The initial doses of the new swine flu vaccine will only be given to young people, pregnant women and other high-risk groups. Businesses will have to wait until those folks have been immunized to get swine flu vaccine for their workforce. Unless they jump through lots of hoops that vary from state by state to get it, creating confusion for companies, like Bayer, with offices all over the country.

*Associated Press*

MIKE STOBBE,  
AP Medical Writer

ATLANTA (AP) — The first doses of swine flu vaccine may all be the nasal spray version, government health officials said Friday. The government has said a trickle of vaccine will be available in early October, but on Friday they defined the size of that trickle — an estimated 3.4 million doses.

It looks like all of them will be a nasal spray vaccine that is approved only for healthy people ages 2 to 49, said Dr. Jay Butler, an official with the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

The nasal spray, called FluMist, is not recommended for some of the people most in danger of severe swine flu complications. That includes pregnant women, children younger than 2, and people with asthma and other chronic respiratory diseases.

However, it's possible that some vaccine shots will become available by the first week of October as well, said Butler, chief of the CDC's swine flu vaccine task force.

Flu shots are made of killed influenza virus, while FluMist is a live but weakened strain. The nasal spray is only approved in the United States, and is made by the Maryland-based MedImmune, an AstraZeneca PLC subsidiary. Four other companies are making flu shots for the U.S.

The initial vaccine doses will go to up to 90,000 sites, including schools and clinics, across the U.S. State health departments will determine which offices and clinics get the shots, and whether health care workers or others get the first doses, Butler said at a CDC press conference Friday.

The government has ordered 195 million doses but may order more if there's enough demand, health officials have said. Typically fewer than 100 million Americans get a flu vaccine every year, and it's unclear whether swine flu will prompt much more demand.

A recent Associated Press-GfK poll found 57 percent of people said they were likely to get it. □

# Ex-CIA chiefs seek halt to interrogations probe



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WASHINGTON (AP) — Seven former CIA directors asked President Barack Obama on Friday to quash a criminal probe of harsh interrogations of terror suspects during the Bush administration.

The CIA directors, who served both Democratic and

Republican presidents and include three who worked under President George W. Bush, made their request in a letter Friday to the White House.

Attorney General Eric Holder announced last month that he was appointing an independent counsel to investigate possible incidents of abuse by Central

Intelligence Agency personnel during interrogations that went beyond guidelines imposed by the Bush administration.

The incidents were referred by the CIA inspector general to the Justice Department during the Bush administration, but Justice officials at the time prosecuted only one case.

“If criminal investigations closed by career prosecutors during one administration can so easily be reopened at the direction of political appointees in the next, declinations of prosecution will be rendered meaningless,” wrote the former directors.

The seven former CIA directors included Michael Hayden, Porter Goss and George Tenet, who served under Bush; John Deutch and James Woolsey, who worked for President Bill Clinton; William Webster, who served under President George H.W. Bush; and James Schlesinger, who ran the agency under President Richard Nixon. Tenet also served under Clinton.

They urged Obama to reverse Holder’s Aug. 24 decision to reopen the investigation of interrogations following the Sept. 11, 2001, terrorist attacks.

The White House did not immediately respond to a request for comment.

CIA spokesman Paul Gimigliano said the agency is cooperating with the Justice Department review “in part

to see that they move as expeditiously as possible.”

“The director has stood up for those who followed legal guidance on interrogation, and he will continue to do so,” said Gimigliano.

In their letter, the former directors warned that the investigations could discourage CIA officers from doing the kind of aggressive intelligence work needed to counter terrorism and may inhibit foreign governments from working with the United States.

Matthew Miller, Holder’s spokesman, said Holder does not believe his probe will affect CIA employees’ commitment to their work.

“The attorney general’s decision to order a preliminary review into this matter was made in line with his duty to examine the facts and to follow the law. As he has made clear, the Department of Justice will not prosecute anyone who acted in good faith and within the scope of the legal guidance given by the Office of Legal Counsel regarding the interrogation of detainees,” Miller said in a written statement.

The former CIA directors also warned that foreign governments may be hesitant to cooperate with the United States if the probe continues.

“As a result of the zeal on the part of some to uncover every action taken in the post-9/11

period, many countries may decide that they can no longer safely share intelligence or cooperate with us on future counter-terrorist operations. They simply cannot rely on our promises of secrecy,” the letter says.

The letter said the CIA referred fewer than 20 incidents to Bush administration prosecutors, including the case of CIA contractor David Passaro. Passaro was prosecuted, convicted and sentenced to eight years for beating an Afghan detainee in 2007. The detainee later died.

One former CIA official familiar with the cases now under review said that Bush-era Justice lawyers declined to prosecute either because they were not certain they could win conviction or because some of the CIA personnel involved had already been disciplined by the agency. The official spoke on condition of anonymity because of the sensitivity of the cases.

Though not a signatory to the letter, current CIA Director Leon Panetta also opposed Holder’s investigation.

“I think the reason I felt the way I did is because I don’t believe there’s a basis there for any kind of additional action,” Panetta said.

“My concern is ... that we don’t get trapped by the past. My feeling is ultimately, we’re going to be able to move on,” he told reporters this week. □

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## Political writer Irving Kristol dead at 89

By **HILLEL ITALIE**

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WASHINGTON — Irving Kristol, the writer, editor and publisher known as the godfather of neoconservatism whose youthful radicalism evolved into a historic rejection of communism, liberalism and the counterculture, died Friday. He was 89.

“His wisdom, wit, good humor and generosity of spirit made him a friend and mentor to several generations of thinkers and public servants,” said the editors of *The Weekly Standard* in announcing Kristol’s death on its Web site. He died of complications from lung cancer.

Kristol was the husband of critic-historian Gertrude Himmelfarb and father of neoconservative editor and commentator William Kristol, an editor of *The Weekly Standard*.

A Trotskyist in the 1930s, Kristol would soon sour on socialism, break from liberalism after the rise of the New Left in the 1960s and in the 1970s commit the unthinkable — support the Republican Party, once as “foreign to me as attending a Catholic Mass.”

He was a New York intellectual who left home, first politically, then physically, moving to Washington in 1988. He was a liberal “mugged by reality,” his turn to the right joined by countless others, including such future GOP Cabinet officials as Jeane Kirkpatrick and William Bennett and another neoconservative founder, Norman Podhoretz.

“The influence of Irving Kristol’s ideas has been one of the most important factors in reshaping the American climate of opinion over the past 40 years,” Podhoretz said. □

# Insane killer escapes on field trip to county fair

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SPOKANE, Wash. — A criminally insane killer who escaped during a mental hospital field trip to a county fair remained on the run Friday, and furious residents and officials wondered why such a dangerous person was out in public.

Authorities believe Phillip Arnold Paul, 47, is heading to the Sunnyside, Wash., area, where his parents and many siblings live. The Spokane County Sheriff's Office used a helicopter to search Friday, and officers also searched transient camps along railroad tracks in the area. The public was urged to call 911. "He is in a bad mental state," his brother, Tom Paul, told The Associated Press. "Why would they load him on a bus and take him to a fair?"

That's a question many are asking.

Authorities at Eastern State Hospital are being criticized for allowing Paul to visit the fair despite his violent criminal past and history of trying to escape. Spokane County Commissioner Mark Richard has called it unacceptable, and the state Department of Social and Health Services ordered an immediate end to such trips and launched an investigation into the practice.

Paul was committed after he was acquitted by reason of insanity in the 1987 slaying of an elderly woman in Sunnyside. He soaked the woman's body in gasoline to throw off search dogs and buried the remains in her flower garden.

"Why was he allowed to take such a trip?" Gov. Chris Gregoire said Friday. "Why did they go to a location that was so heavily populated with families?"

Susan Dreyfus, secretary of the Department of Social and Health Services, said those questions would be answered in an investigation she has ordered that included both state mental hospitals. She was peppered with questions at a news conference, but deferred nearly all of them until the 15-day review, which will be in part conducted by the state Department of Corrections, was finished.

Dreyfus said it is not unusual for so-called "forensic" patients, who are being held against their will, to earn the opportunity to go on field trips as part of their therapy. The mental hospitals also treat people who are mentally ill but have not committed crimes.

Thirty-one patients from the mental hospital were on the trip Thursday with 11 staff members. Dreyfus said she did not know how many of those had violent

criminal backgrounds. Patients must be cleared by a treatment team before they can go on trips to stores, parks, and other sites, said Dr. Rob Henry, director of forensic services at Eastern State. They wear street clothing and staff members are required to keep each patient within eyesight at all times.

Henry said trips to the fair were an annual event. The last escape from the forensic unit occurred in 1992, he said. It is possible the review will end such outings, Dreyfus said.

Members of an employees union at Eastern State put out a statement saying they had long opposed such field trips.

"They believe he was an extreme escape risk and the administration should never have allowed him on the field trip," the statement from the Washington Federation of State Employees said. "The workers have unsuccessfully fought to stop the outings for murderers, rapists and pedophiles committed to the hospital as criminally insane."

The union said workers alerted superiors "within two to three minutes of discovering Paul's escape." But administrators waited nearly two hours before calling law enforcement. That gave Paul plenty of time to disappear.

Dreyfus said it was not clear how long it took for law enforcement to be alerted. Spokane County Sheriff Ozzie Knezovich insisted on the two-hour delay.

Sheriff's officials were told Paul had \$50 at the time of his escape.

"Fifty dollars will buy you a bus ticket," sheriff's spokesman Dave Reagan said.

In addition to local law enforcement, the Washington State Patrol joined the search, as did an inmate recovery team from the state Department of Corrections.

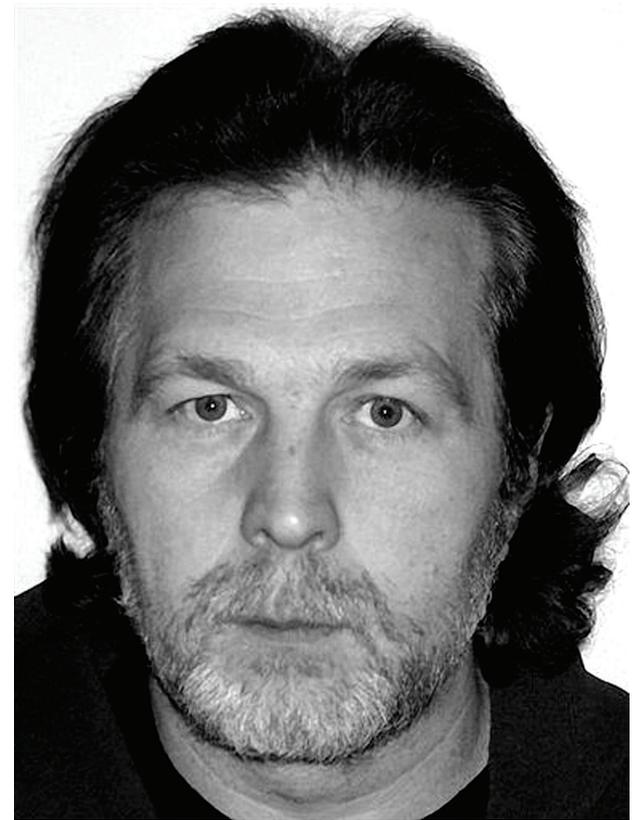
Paul is a white male, 5-foot-8, 220 pounds, with brownish-gray hair, blue eyes, and a goatee. At the time of his escape, Paul was wearing a red windbreaker jacket, with a T-shirt and jeans.

The sheriff's office said Paul's medication should keep him stable for 14 days, not 48 hours as previously reported.

His brother said Paul was a high school and junior college wrestler and a martial artist who should not be approached.

"I'm a tough guy but I wouldn't take him on," Tom Paul said. "I hope he doesn't hurt anybody."

This was the second escape for Paul. In 1991, he



This image provided by the Spokane County Sheriff's Office shows 57-year-old Phillip Arnold Paul. Phillip Arnold Paul, a killer committed to a mental institution has escaped during a field trip to the Spokane County Interstate Fair, in Spokane, Wash.

Associated Press

walked away during a day trip in Medical Lake and was later captured. He attacked a sheriff's deputy in the jail booking area, knocking him unconscious, and was convicted of first-degree escape and second-degree assault.

Phillip Paul had a normal childhood in Sunnyside, 200 miles southwest of Spokane, but he started acting strangely as a high school student. He said he was hearing voices and thought they were witches, Tom Paul said. He was diagnosed with schizophrenia.

Phillip Paul has been on and off a variety of medications over the years, and also been in and out of institutions, Tom Paul said. He has repeatedly proven unable to live in society, he said.

Paul was living in a halfway house in Spokane last year, but ended up back at the hospital in a very agitated state, Tom Paul said. Hospital officials said Paul hadn't exhibited violent behavior in years. They argued in the past that he should be released, but his petition for release was rejected in 2003. □

# Last few families depart Texas detention center

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DALLAS (AP) — The last immigrant families have departed a disparaged former Texas prison that housed them while they awaited decisions in immigration cases, federal officials said Friday.

The families have been deported, paroled or released while they pursue asylum or another immigration status to remain in the U.S., Immigration and Customs Enforcement said in a statement. The last four families left the T. Don Hutto facility in Taylor this week.

ICE has said Hutto will now house

only female detainees.

Federal officials announced last month that Hutto would no longer hold immigrant and asylum-seeking families as part of a Department of Homeland Security plan to reform detention policies. Families arriving at the U.S. border and entry points from now on either will be placed under supervision or detained at the much-smaller Berks Family Residential Center in Leesport, Pennsylvania.

Hutto opened as a family detention center in 2006 to ensure the families would show up to immigration court. ICE wanted to end the "catch and release" practice that had permitted

families in the U.S. illegally to remain free while awaiting a hearing. Some borrowed other people's children and posed as families to avoid detention, ICE officials maintain.

But Hutto quickly drew criticism. Guards trained to detain violent criminal adults were in charge of sad, sick or restless children — from babies to teenagers. Parents complained children were disciplined with threats of being separated from their family. ICE has said all at Hutto were treated humanely.

Children and parents lived in tiny cells furnished with bunk beds and a steel toilet and lined up for up to several

head counts daily. Toys, pencils or even juice boxes were not allowed in cells. The school day was just an hour or two.

After advocates sued the government, privacy curtains were installed around cell toilets and razor wire was removed from around the complex. Cartoon murals were painted on walls. Children began attending more regular school days.

Court-appointed observers inspected the facility and talked to detainees. The government periodically reviewed cases to determine if families could be bonded out or paroled. □

# Obama: Health care anger not motivated by his race



Rep. Joe Wilson R-S.C. speaks during a news conference, Friday, Sept. 18, 2009 at Lexington Medical Center in Lexington, S.C. The South Carolina congressman who shouted "You lie" at President Obama during a speech to Congress last week says he feels like he's the primary target of Democrats in Washington.

*Associated Press*

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Barack Obama said Friday that angry criticism of his health care agenda are driven by an intense debate over the proper role of government and not by racism. "Are there people out there who don't like me because of race? I'm sure there are," Obama told CNN. "That's not the overriding issue here." Obama, the United States' first black president, spoke about race during a battery of interviews on Friday. In a media blitz aimed at pounding home his health care message, he taped interviews with

ABC, CBS, NBC, CNN and Univision to be shown during the networks' Sunday morning talk shows. Excerpts aired during Friday night broadcasts. Time and again, Obama was asked about whether the tenor of the health care turned nasty because of undercurrents in racism. Former President Jimmy Carter raised the point prominently this week when he said the "an overwhelming amount" of the vitriol was racially motivated. Not so, Obama said. "There's been a long-standing debate in this country that is usually that much more fierce

during times of transition, or when presidents are trying to bring about big changes," Obama told CNN. To NBC News, Obama put it this way: "It's an argument that's gone on for the history of this republic, and that is, What's the right role of government? How do we balance freedom with our need to look out for one another? ... This is not a new argument, and it always evokes passions." To ABC News, Obama said most people across the country are just trying to follow the

debate and figure out how proposed changes would help them. "Now there are some who are, setting aside the issue of race, actually I think are more passionate about the idea of whether government can do anything right," Obama said. "And I think that that's probably the biggest driver of some of the vitriol." Some health care town hall meetings over the summer had bitter moments of confrontation. And South Carolina Republican Rep. Joe

Wilson shouted "You lie!" at Obama during the president's address to a joint session of Congress last week. The White House has said for weeks that such moments are not representative and overblown. Obama told CBS News that the media was partly to blame. "The 24-hour news cycle and cable television and blogs and all this — they focus on the most extreme elements on both sides," Obama said. "They can't get enough of conflict. It's catnip to the media right now." □

# U.S. secretary of state sued over age discrimination



Secretary of State Hillary Rodham Clinton responds during a question-and-answer session at the Brookings Institution in Washington, Friday, Sept. 18, 2009, after speaking about the Obama Administration's agenda for the upcoming United Nations General Assembly meetings.

*Associated Press*

WASHINGTON (AP) — Secretary of State Hillary Rodham Clinton and the State Department are being sued by a diplomat who claims she was discriminated against because of her age. Lawyers for Elizabeth Colton filed suit on Friday in U.S. District Court for the District of Columbia alleging that Clinton and the State Department violated her rights by enforcing a mandatory retirement age and denying her a job at the U.S. Embassy in Algeria. Colton, 64, alleges in court documents that she was the top choice for the two-year post as political-economic counselor in Algiers and accepted the offer, which was later rescinded when officials realized she would reach the retirement age of 65 for foreign service officers after only 16 months on the job.

The suit also alleges that Colton was forced to take a less desirable position to finish out her career and that the decision to deny her the post in Algeria denied her constitutional right to equal protection under the law. "Imagine if someone told Hillary Clinton she couldn't be secretary of state because she would turn 65 before her term is up," said Thomas Bundy III, one of Colton's attorneys. "We believe the State Department should stop this unlawful, discriminatory employment practice." The suit notes that some long-serving foreign service officers can and do get five-year waivers on the retirement age and that several current U.S. diplomats, including high-profile special envoys Richard Holbrooke and George Mitchell, are over 65. The State Department declined to comment on the lawsuit Friday. □



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# NYC on pace for record-low number of homicides

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NEW YORK (AP) — More New Yorkers are out of work, and the cash-strapped city isn't graduating a new class of police cadets this year. And yet crime is going down — way down.

New York City is heading toward a record low number of murders this year, and overall crime is also down, the New York Police Department said Friday. The NYPD projects about 457 murders this year, the lowest total since the department first started keeping records in 1962.

And, overall crime is down nearly 12 percent from 2008, and 40 percent since 2001, the NYPD said.

The downward trend is mystifying criminologists who say crime usually rises when times are tough.

"I don't have an answer to it," said Andrew Karmen, a sociology professor at the John Jay College of Criminal Justice in New York. "The poor and the unemployed are not fed up, or in despair. They still retain hope that the economy will turn."

The nation's largest police department will continue to work diligently to combat crime, Police Commissioner Raymond Kelly said this week.

"I'm often asked, how low can crime go and my answer is always the same: one crime is one too many," he said.

The city had about six murders on average per 100,000 people last year, a rate among the lowest in the U.S., according to FBI crime statistics. In 2008, New Orleans had 64, St. Louis 47 and Los Angeles 10 per 100,000 people, according to the FBI. There is still room for New York's rate to decline, compared to London, where there are two murders per 100,000 people and Tokyo where there's one.

Criminologists consider the murder rate as a benchmark to forecast the overall crime rate. But they also say the annual comparisons don't always

reflect long-term trends and can be skewed by unusual events, like the Happy Land social club arson in the Bronx that killed 87 people in 1990. Karmen said poverty and unemployment are normally key factors in determining whether crimes will rise and fall; the city's unemployment rate in September is its highest in 16 years.

During the downturn of the 1970s and '80s, New York was considered dangerous and run down. The city's homicide rate reached a high of 2,245 in 1990, tops in the country. But crime has steadily decreased since then, and in 2007 the city had its fewest murders since comparable record-keeping began in the 1960s.

As of Friday, New York City police reported 325 murders. If that rate continues through the end of the year, the total will beat the previous low of 497 murders, in 2007.

In the past year, because of massive budget problems, Mayor Michael Bloomberg canceled a class of police academy cadets and reduced the cap on officers citywide. There are more than 30,000 officers. But Kelly said the department is working smarter and credits some of the same programs that have kept the crime rate declining for years. That includes placing most graduating police officers in higher-crime areas, and the department's Real Time Crime Center, an \$11 million program launched about four years ago that relies on tips from pedestrians and uses satellite imaging and computerized mapping systems to identify geographic patterns of crimes. Violence used to occur in a wider area of New York, but

is now mostly confined to the poorest neighborhoods, criminologists said. And most of the murder victims are young men, from poor neighborhoods and dysfunctional families who are unemployed and forced to attend failing schools that turn them off to education — problems that can't be solved with police strategies, criminologists say.

"How low can you go? There is a certain bottom, but until you tackle these root causes and go beyond them, you won't reach it," said Karmen, author of "New York Murder Mystery: The True Story behind the crime crash of the 1990s." Still, police have made headway reducing crime in the city's poorest neighborhoods, Kelly said.

"We take pride that, in many respects, the greatest beneficiaries of this crime decline have been the city's poorest citizens," he said.

But the city's clearance rate — the number of homicides solved in a year, compared with the number of killings committed that year — stands at 70 percent, the same as 15 years ago.

Chief NYPD spokesman Paul J. Browne said the city's clearance rate is among the best in the country, higher than the national average.

But it's no comfort for victims' families, and can be confusing to civilians, Karmen said.

"Police are solving fewer murders percentage wise, and yet they want credit for drop in murders," Karmen said.

"It's confusing and troubling. Police are saying give us credit for bringing down the murder rate, but they're less able to solve murders than the 1990s." □



FILE - In this Oct. 14, 2008 file photo, a New York Police Department security camera is positioned on a utility pole in New York's Times Square. The New York Police Department said on Friday, Sept 14, 2009 the city could have its fewest number of murders in almost 50 years. The NYPD is projecting about 457 murders in 2009, well below the previous low of 497 in 2007 and the lowest since the department started keeping records in 1962. Police officials says overall crime is down nearly 12 percent from the same time in 2008, and has dropped nearly 40 percent since 2001.

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Escorted by his bodyguards, reformist former Iranian President Mohammad Khatami, center, is attacked by hard-liners as he attends a Quds Day rally, in Tehran, Iran, Friday, Sept. 18, 2009. At one of the opposition rallies, a group of hard-liners came up and attacked reformist former president, Mohammad Khatami, pushing him to the ground, according to a reformist Web site.

Associated Press

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TEHRAN, Iran (AP) — Tens of thousands of protesters — many decked out in the green

colors of the reform movement and chanting “Death to the dictator!” — rallied Friday in defiance of Iran’s Islamic leadership, clashing with

# Thousands march in Iran opposition protests

police and confronting state-run anti-Israel rallies.

In the first major opposition protests in two months, demonstrators marching shoulder-to-shoulder raised their hands in V-for-victory signs on main boulevards and squares throughout the capital.

Lines of police, security forces and plainclothes Basij militiamen kept the two sides apart in most cases. At times they waded into the protesters with baton charges and tear gas volleys. The demonstrators responded by throwing stones and bricks, and setting tires ablaze.

Hard-liners attacked two senior opposition leaders who joined the protests. Former pro-reform President Mohamad Khatami was shoved and jostled, gripping his black turban to keep it from being knocked off as supporters rushed in to protect him, pushing away the attackers and hustling him away.

The protests were a significant show of defiance after supreme leader Ayatollah Ali Khamenei explicitly banned anti-government marches on Quds Day, an annual memorial created by Iran’s Islamic Republic to show support for the Palestinians and denounce Israel. Quds is Arabic for Jerusalem. It was also a show of survival. The opposition has been hit hard by a fierce crackdown in which hundreds have been arrested since disputed June 12 presidential elections sparked Iran’s worst political turmoil in decades.

Friday’s protests could escalate the confrontation — hard-line clerics have demanded the arrest of any opposition leaders who defy Khamenei’s order and back protests on Quds Day.

President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad, who the opposition contends won reelection by fraud, delivered a nationally televised address, railing against Israel and the West.

Speaking before a crowd of supporters at Tehran

University, he questioned whether the Holocaust was a “real event” and called it a pretext for the creation of Israel. He said the Jewish state was founded on “a lie and a mythical claim.”

Outside the university, while the speech blared on loudspeakers, opposition protesters shouted “liar, liar!” U.S. officials denounced the Iranian leader’s comments on the Holocaust, which Susan Rice, the U.S. ambassador to the United Nations, called “hateful.” She said President Barack Obama would not meet with Ahmadinejad during next week’s gathering of world leaders at the U.N. General Assembly.

In protests around Tehran and other Iranian cities, demonstrators chanted “Not Gaza, not Lebanon — our life is for Iran” in a challenge of the government’s priority of supporting Palestinian militants in Gaza and Lebanon’s Hezbollah guerrillas instead of focusing on problems at home.

The Quds Day rallies, which attracted several hundred thousand people, far outnumbered the tens of thousands who turned out for the opposition — a reflection of the government’s freedom to rally supporters.

Opposition supporters wearing green T-shirts and wristbands poured onto main boulevards and squares in the capital, waving green banners and balloons, and pictures of opposition leader Mir Hossein Mousavi, who claims to be the rightful winner of the election. “Death to the dictator!” they shouted.

Just hundreds of yards away, crowds of Ahmadinejad supporters marched carrying huge photographs of the president and supreme leader Khamenei. Some chanted, “Death to those who oppose the supreme leader!”

A group of hard-liners attacked Khatami nearby, surging toward him as his supporters shoved them away and surrounded the cleric,

witnesses said.

Elsewhere, government supporters also tried to attack the main opposition leader, Mousavi, when he joined another march. As supporters scuffled with the attackers, Mousavi was rushed into a car and driven away, a witness said.

All the witnesses spoke on condition of anonymity for fear of government retaliation.

The government imposed restrictions on journalists, allowing them to cover the Quds Day rallies but not opposition protests. As often happens during opposition demonstrations, Internet access and phone service was frequently cut, apparently in a state attempt to sever protesters’ communications.

In one of Tehran’s main squares, Haft-e Tir, security forces wielding batons and firing tear gas tried to break up an opposition march, and were confronted by protesters throwing stones and bricks, witnesses said. Several policemen were seen being taken away with slight injuries.

Protesters set bonfires during another clash in the city, and young men and women wrapped green scarves over their faces against the clouds of tear gas.

At least 10 protesters were seized by plainclothes security agents in marches around the city, witnesses said.

The pro-government Quds Day rallies were held around the country, and the opposition staged competing rallies in several cities. In Shiraz to the south, police rushed protesters with batons, scuffling with them, witnesses said. Footage put out by the opposition showed hundreds of protesters fleeing a police charge in the northern city of Rasht.

Hundreds of thousands marched in support of Mousavi in the weeks after the June election, until police, Basij militiamen and the elite Revolutionary Guard crushed the protests, arresting hundreds. □

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## Euro farmers dump milk to protest price slump

**ALFRED de MONTESQUIOU**  
 Associated Press Writer  
 PARIS (AP) — Angry French farmers dumped millions of liters of fresh milk next to one of France's most famous tourist sites on Friday to denounce the slumping cost of milk and an EU plan to end production quotas, which could further drive prices down.

APLI, a small dairy farmer's union that organized the protest, said over 1,000 farmers and 300 tractors took part in the event, pouring 3,5 million liters (925,000 gallons) of milk onto fields next to the famed Mont Saint-Michel. The Medieval island monastery is one of the most visited sites in France and is next to the Normandy and Brittany regions, which are both big milk producers. While the European Union strongly subsidizes agriculture, milk farmers' groups say world prices have sunk so much they are having to sell their milk at about 20 euro cents per liter—or about half its production costs.

The crisis has driven many EU farmers into a "milk strike," with thousands refusing to deliver milk to the industrial dairy conglomerates that produce anything from skimmed milk to processed cheese. But because cows have to be milked every day anyhow, some farmers have been dumping the overflow in protest. Authorities in France and several other producing countries have largely voiced support for the farmers. "To be forced to waste milk and spill it in fields, it's a sign of great desperation," French Agriculture Minister Bruno Le Maire told the I-television station on Friday.

The TV station also reported that a group of farmers had raided a French supermarket, distributing its dairy products for free to customers.

In the Netherlands, farmers dumped 100,000 liters (26,418 gallons) of milk on a field 10 miles north of Amsterdam. German farmers also demonstrated outside a meeting of Germany's federal and state agriculture ministers, pouring thousands of liters of milk onto a road near the town of Eisleben.

The protests follow widespread actions across Europe this week, including a group that poured several tons of milk and cow dung inside a bank in southern France on Thursday, accusing bankers of profiteering from the farmers' misery.

The protests have not drawn universal support from farmers, many of whom object to wasting the milk.

The head of the French OPL dairy union, Daniel Condat, retorted Friday that farmers on strike are also donating their products to charities. He said French farmers donate about 15 million liters every year.

"Since the beginning of the strike, farmers are giving milk away to whoever wants it," Condat told France-Inter radio.



French farmers spray milk onto a field in Ardevon near Le Mont Saint-Michel, seen behind, western France, to protest falling milk prices, Friday, Sept. 18, 2009. Farmers around Europe are dumping milk in protests to call attention to falling milk prices and a plan to phase out milk quotas.

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# U.S. Mideast envoy fails to bridge gaps



**KARIN LAUB**

**Associated Press Writer**

**RAMALLAH, West Bank (AP)** — The United States' top Mideast envoy failed to bridge wide gaps between Israelis and Palestinians as he ended his most intensive attempt yet on Friday, raising questions over President Barack Obama's efforts to revive peacemaking. The deadlock could scuttle hopes for a meeting between Obama, Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu and Palestinian President Mahmoud Abbas next week in

New York, on the sidelines of the U.N. General Assembly. The key disputes are over Israeli settlement expansion and whether peace talks should begin where they left off under Netanyahu's predecessors. Israel has balked at a U.S. demand that it freeze settlement construction in the West Bank and east Jerusalem, war-won territory the Palestinians want for their state. Under a U.S.-sponsored plan from 2003, Israel is required to freeze all such construction. Instead, Netanyahu wants to continue building about 3,000

housing units, while offering to curtail other construction for a period of several months. Nearly half a million Israelis have moved to the West Bank and east Jerusalem since Israel captured the territories in the 1967 Mideast War, and Palestinians fear the growing settlements will make a viable state impossible.

Abbas insists on a freeze, his chief negotiator, Saeb Erekat, said after the Palestinian president met Friday with the U.S. envoy, George Mitchell. "We once again reiterated that there are no middle ground solutions for settlements. A settlement freeze is a settlement freeze," Erekat said.

The Palestinians also demand that negotiations resume on the same terms as previous rounds, led by Netanyahu's predecessor, Ehud Olmert. This would include Israel's willingness to discuss all so-called core issues, including a partition of Jerusalem. Netanyahu has said Jerusalem is off-limits in negotiations, and his proposed settlement slowdown does not include the city.

Over four days, Mitchell met twice with Abbas and four times with Netanyahu, including twice on Friday before Mitchell left the region.

A senior Israeli official said that wide gaps remained, but would not comment on the content of the meetings. The official spoke on condition of anonymity, in line with Israeli briefing regulations.

It appears unlikely, however, that Netanyahu would change his mind about settlement expansion. In recent days, his government announced bids for hundreds more homes in the West Bank and east Jerusalem, and his hardline government rests on the support of Jewish settlers and their political allies.

U.S. Secretary of State Hillary Rodham Clinton said the administration would keep pushing for a peace deal.

"I guarantee you that President Obama and I are very patient and very determined," she said in a speech to the Brookings Institution, a Washington think tank. "We know that this is not an easy road for anyone to travel."

However, she also indicated that the administration would not try to impose a solution. "We are going to do all we can to persuade, cajole, encourage the parties themselves to make that agreement. The United States cannot make it. The Arab nations cannot make it. It is up to the Palestinians and Israelis," she said. "And to that end, we expect both sides, not just one side, but both sides to be actively engaged and willing to work towards that resolution."

In the meantime, a meeting between Obama, Abbas and Netanyahu in New York next week appears to be a long shot.

The senior Israeli official said that for now, Netanyahu is set to fly to New York late Wednesday and deliver a speech the following day. If a trilateral session were to be arranged, the prime minister could leave for the U.S. earlier, the official said, adding that a Netanyahu-Obama meeting was not on the agenda.

Abbas, meanwhile, is conflicted about whether to meet with Netanyahu as a courtesy to Obama, said senior Palestinian officials who spoke on condition of anonymity because of the private nature of the deliberations.

Several senior aides urged Abbas not to sit down with Netanyahu without having set the terms for negotiations, arguing that otherwise it would be seen as a sign of weakness and hurt his standing at home.

Abbas is locked in a power

struggle with the Islamic militant group Hamas, which overran the Gaza Strip in 2007, leaving him only in control of the West Bank. Hamas has used lack of progress in negotiations to try to discredit Abbas.

In the Gaza town of Beit Lahia, Hamas legislator Mushir al-Masri told a rally Friday that negotiations are a waste of time.

"The choice of negotiations has proven a failure, and it's time that Palestinian negotiators abandon this worthless and destructive tool and go back to holy war and resistance," al-Masri told a crowd.

In other developments, the World Bank warned in a report Friday that donor countries will have to keep giving large amounts of aid to the Abbas government, unless Israel eases access of Palestinian goods to Israeli and world markets.

Senior representatives of the donor countries meet next week as part of the General Assembly and review their aid program to the Palestinians.

Donor countries have given billions of dollars to the Palestinians since 1993, including \$1.8 billion in 2008 and an expected \$1.1 billion in 2009. However, the economy has been held back by Israeli restrictions on Palestinian trade and movement, imposed after the outbreak of Israeli-Palestinian fighting in 2000.

In recent months, Israel has eased some restrictions inside the West Bank, prompting modest economic growth. However, the West Bank and Gaza remain cut off from each other, and West Bank exports are hampered by slow movement at Israeli crossings.

The Abbas government is still short of money, the bank said, citing a \$400 million financing gap for this year. □

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# Kouchner: U.N. should stay in Haiti through election

**JONATHAN M. KATZ**  
**Associated Press Writer**  
 PORT-AU-PRINCE, Haiti (AP) — France's foreign minister urged the U.N. to maintain peacekeeping troops in Haiti at least through next year's planned presidential elections, while acknowledging improved security in the impoverished, politically chaotic country. The 9,000-member U.N. force has been in Haiti since former President Jean-Bertrand Aristide was ousted in a 2004 rebellion. Its mandate is expected to be renewed for another year by the Security Council before Oct. 15. French Foreign Minister Bernard Kouchner, a longtime advocate of foreign interventions on behalf of human rights, said that "security is not enough" and that U.N. troops should remain

until Haiti holds free and open elections to replace President Rene Preval. "After (the elections) we will see. It depends on their actions, (if) they are going to take their own affairs in hand," Kouchner told The Associated Press. Preval was elected to a five-year term in 2006 after months of delays in holding elections under the U.S.-backed interim government that formed after Aristide's departure. He has faced few challenges to his presidency since, but lost his then-prime minister to a parliamentary vote following food riots that saw angry protesters attempt to break down the gates of the national palace. Voting to replace him is expected late next year, but no date has been set. Preval has embarked on a constitutional reform project to expand

presidential powers, but has said that he will not run in 2010. Kouchner, a co-founder of Doctors Without Borders who worked with the group in Haiti nearly four decades ago, is on a two-day visit to the Caribbean nation with Brazilian foreign minister Celso Amorim. Brazil provides the bulk and leadership of the U.N. peacekeeping force here. The pair met with Preval shortly after arriving Friday morning. They are also scheduled to meet with current Prime Minister Michele Pierre-Louis, as well as the head of the U.N. peacekeeping mission, and visit a bridge rebuilt after hurricanes and tropical storms last year killed some 800 people and caused \$1 billion in damage. On Friday afternoon the dignitaries visited a branch of the Haitian AIDS clinic



Brazil's Foreign Minister Celso Amorin, right, stands with France's Foreign Minister Bernard Kouchner, center, and Haiti's Health Minister Alex Darsen during a meeting in Port-au-Prince, Friday, Sept. 18, 2009. Kouchner and Amorin are on a two-day official visit to Haiti.

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GHESKIO to inaugurate a \$147,000 (100,000 euro) French-Brazilian breast-milk storage facility that will provide donated milk for babies whose mothers who are HIV positive or too malnourished to breast-feed. In a brief press conference at the facility Kouchner told reporters that French President Nicolas Sarkozy intends to visit Haiti at some point but that plans have not yet been

finalized. Haiti won its independence in an 1804 slave revolt against France, defeating Napoleon's forces. On Friday the foreign minister and Haitian health minister Alex Larsen praised the cooperation between the two countries. They sat under a picture of the Citadelle Laferriere, a fortress built by Haiti's early leaders to defend against a French re-invasion that never came. □



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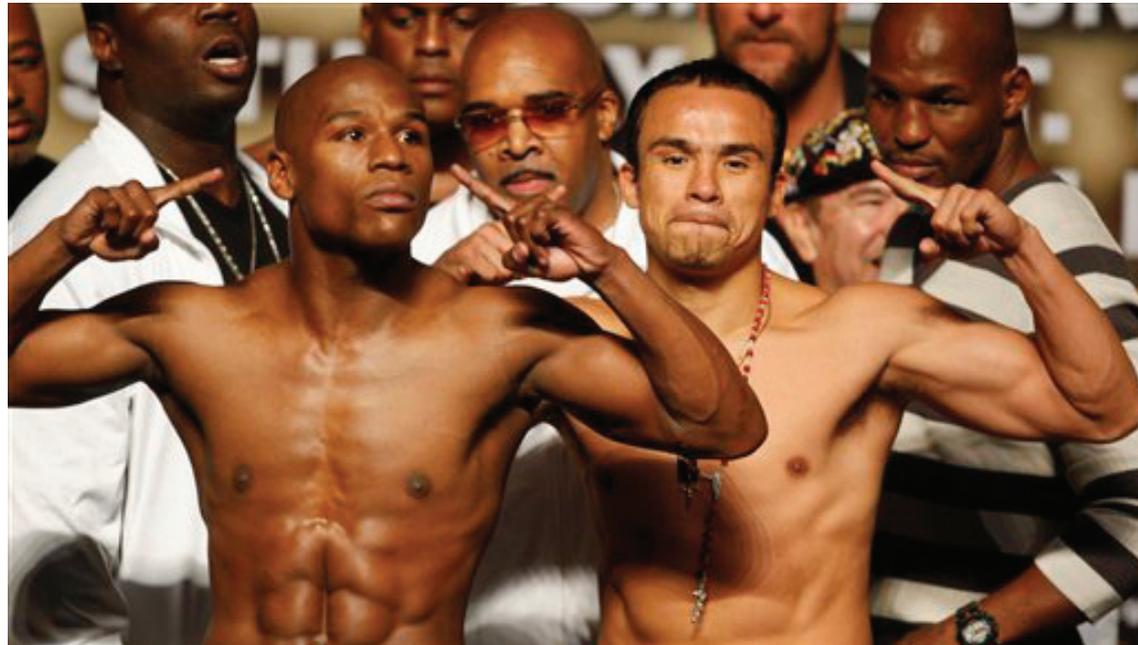
# Mayweather makes long-awaited return vs. Marquez

GREG BEACHAM

AP Sports Writer

LAS VEGAS (AP) — Floyd Mayweather Jr. learned to fight shortly after he learned to walk, and he needed a break from boxing. He essentially spent the past two years trying out other lives: By turns he was a television star, a pro wrestler, a playboy, a businessman, a record producer and a doting father of four.

The experience — and the money it cost to have it — only left him eager to get back his unblemished sporting life. When Mayweather returns from a 21-month retirement to fight Juan Manuel Marquez on Saturday at the MGM Grand Garden, the fighter who



Floyd Mayweather Jr., left, and Juan Manuel Marquez, of Mexico, pose during the official weigh-in for their non-title welterweight fight in Las Vegas, Friday, Sept. 18, 2009. The fight will be held on Saturday, Sept. 19.

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nicknamed himself “Money” is certainly in it for the cash, which will be used to pay off a few tax debts and perhaps some bills on his massive “Big Boy” mansion in the Las Vegas suburbs.

He won't get quite as much money after showing up to Friday's weigh-in two pounds over the 144-pound limit, which likely cost him a six-figure contract penalty. Mayweather weighed in four pounds heavier than the 142-pound (Marquez, who agreed to stay in the non-title fight for a fatter paycheck.

Though the money is important, Mayweather (39-0, 25 KOs) also seems reinvigorated by the thrill of the fight. After finishing most of his last half-dozen bouts with injured hands and weary threats of retirement, Mayweather sees himself back in boxing for several more years.

“I'm back to get what's mine,” Mayweather said this week. “I've got to show everybody that what I do is still better than what everybody else does. I should be around for a while.”

Mayweather's life is never calm, but his fractious family seems to be relatively harmonious as well. His trainer and uncle, Roger Mayweather, is coexisting peacefully so far with Floyd Mayweather Sr., who's back in his son's life after nine years spent mostly apart.

Roger Mayweather profanely scoffs at the suggestion that such a layoff could affect Floyd Jr.'s skills, pointing to champions from Muhammad Ali to Sugar Ray Leonard who came back strong from extended absences.

“He hasn't lost (anything),” Roger said. “Marquez is a good fighter, but he isn't on the level we play on. My nephew is above everybody.”

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## AL Roundup

# Angels hold on for 4-3 victory over Red Sox

BOSTON (AP) — Howie Kendrick homered and went on to break a ninth-inning tie, and Brian Fuentes protected the lead as the Los Angeles Angels beat the Boston Red Sox 4-3 in the American League on Thursday.

One night after Fuentes presided over a collapse with two outs in the ninth, he helped the Angels snap the Red Sox's seven-game winning streak and hand them their first loss at Fenway in 11 games. Kevin Jepsen (6-3) got four outs, then Fuentes got the last two batters to earn his 42nd save and end Los Angeles' three-game losing streak.

Billy Wagner (1-1) walked Juan Rivera to lead off the ninth, then pinch-hitter Reggie Willits sacrifice bunted him to second. Kendrick blooped his third hit of the night over the second baseman's head to make it 4-3 and help the Angels avoid a September sweep by their likely first-round playoff opponent. Royals 9, Tigers 2

At Detroit, Zack Greinke lowered his major league-leading earned runs average to 2.14 with five scoreless innings in Kansas City's win over Detroit.

Greinke (14-8) allowed three hits, struck out eight and walked two. He has allowed only one earned run in his past four starts, lowering his ERA from 2.43.

The Tigers (78-68) AL Central lead over second-place Minnesota (74-72) was cut to four games. Detroit starts a three-game series



Los Angeles Angels' Kendry Morales (19) celebrates with teammate Howie Kendrick after they scored on Juan Rivera's two-RBI double against the Boston Red Sox in the seventh inning of a baseball game at Fenway Park in Boston, Wednesday, Sept. 16, 2009.

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at the Metrodome on Friday.

Miguel Olivo and Josh Anderson hit three-run homers for the Royals, and Willie Bloomquist had four hits.

Edwin Jackson (12-7) gave up five runs and six hits in five innings.

### Rays 3, Orioles 0

At Baltimore, Wade Davis threw a four-hit shutout to earn his first major league win a Tampa Bay earned a split of the four-game series against Baltimore.

Evan Longoria had three hits and drove in a run for the Rays, who put a positive finish on a dreadful road trip. Tampa Bay went 2-9 against AL East foes New York, Boston and Baltimore.

In other AL games it was, Kansas City 9, Detroit 2; Seattle 4, Chicago White Sox 3, 14 innings; Tampa Bay 3, Baltimore 0; L.A. Angels 4, Boston 3; and Oakland 5, Cleveland 2. □

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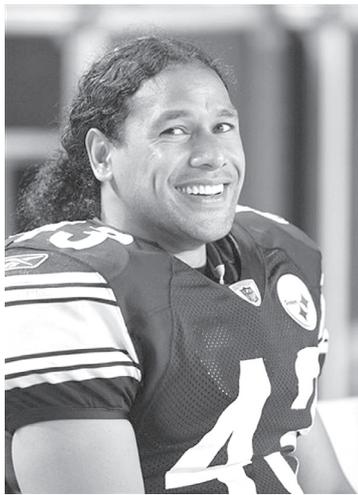
# Bears, Steelers cope without Urlacher, Polamalu

NEW YORK (AP) — The Pittsburgh Steelers and Chicago Bears meet without their biggest stars on defense, but don't tell them the hits will be fewer and lighter at Soldier Field on Sunday in round two of the NFL.

Chicago linebacker Brian Urlacher is out for the rest of the year, and Pittsburgh safety Troy Polamalu is out for the rest of this month. The rest of the Bears and Steelers are about to find out just how deep their rosters are.

Urlacher underwent season-ending surgery this week after dislocating his right wrist in the season-opening 21-15 loss at Green Bay. Polamalu sprained his left knee in the 13-10 overtime victory over Tennessee.

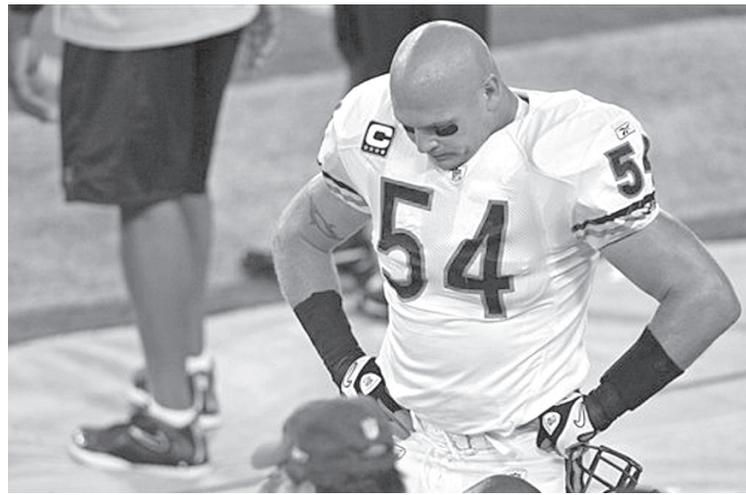
While replacing an All-Pro such as Polamalu is problematic, the Steelers have done it before and survived. They have so many playmakers on defense — maybe not as spectacular as Polamalu, but



Chicago Bears' Brian Urlacher is shown on the sidelines during the first half of an NFL football game against the Green Bay Packers Sunday, Sept. 13, 2009, in Green Bay, Wis. The Chicago Tribune is reporting Bears linebacker Brian Urlacher will likely miss the rest of the season with a dislocated right wrist. In a text message sent to the newspaper Monday, Urlacher said: "season is over."

plenty dangerous — that they are better suited to filling holes than most other teams. Even a chasm this deep.

"We've lost a good player for a few weeks, but the guy behind him is going to step up and do an excellent job as well," outside linebacker LaMarr Woodley said. That would be 10-year veteran Tyrone Carter.



While Hunter Hillenmeyer will fill in for Urlacher, the Bears are a little less intimidating without their six-time Pro Bowler.

In 2004, Urlacher missed seven games with a variety of injuries, and the Bears lost them all.

"It's a big blow," Pro Bowl linebacker Lance Briggs said. "It's one of those things where

he's a guy who makes all the adjustments. He's the signal-caller, the quarterback for our defense."

Pittsburgh has won only once in 12 visits to Soldier Field, but the last visit was in 1995, when the Steelers won.

The Baltimore Ravens surprised last week when they were among the NFL's most dominant teams — on offense. Where did that come from? Well, from rapidly maturing quarterback Joe Flacco, the three-headed running back combination, and surprisingly effective receivers,

particularly wideout Mark Clayton and tight end Todd Heap. They travel to the San Diego Chargers, who went to the limit to beat the Oakland Raiders, and now superstar LaDainian Tomlinson (ankle) might be hobbled or sidelined. That can't bode well against a defense that normally

shuts down an opponent's best running back, and the Chargers also had blocking issues against the Raiders.

The billion-dollar Cowboys Stadium make its true debut on Sunday, and who better to provide the opposition than one of Dallas' top rivals, the New York Giants. The focus will be as much on the stadium and all its accouterments as the players on the field.

One player who likely won't be on the field is Giants cornerback Aaron Ross (hamstring), which could be decisive because Cowboys passer Tony Romo and his receivers seem revved up. Then again, can the Cowboys shut down New York's powerhouse running game?

Drew Brees comes off a six-touchdown passing effort, albeit against Detroit, but it won't be so easy for the New Orleans Saints quarterback in Philadelphia. However, the Eagles can't expect to entirely shut down last season's offensive player of the year, especially with a healthy Jeremy Shockey, Reggie Bush and Marques Colston surrounding Brees.

Kevin Kolb expects to make his first pro start with Eagles star quarterback Donovan McNabb nursing a cracked rib. The raw Kolb could be on a very short leash after Philadelphia brought back veteran Jeff Garcia following McNabb's injury. If he has to match stats with Brees, the Eagles are in trouble. □

## Martin signs contract extension through 2011

JENNA FRYER  
AP Auto Racing Writer

LOUDON, New Hampshire (AP) — NASCAR championship contender Mark Martin will drive for Hendrick Motorsports through 2011, an easy commitment for a driver at the top of his game.

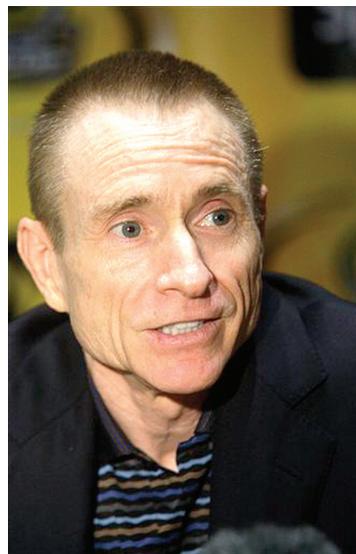
Martin starts the Chase for the championship on Sunday in the Sylvania 300 at New Hampshire Motor Speedway as the series points leader, a spot he earned through four victories this season.

"That shouldn't come as any big surprise," Martin said on Friday of the contract extension. "Who would want to quit?" Martin, in his 27th season of NASCAR, has repeatedly staved off retirement over the last several years. He ran a partial schedule in 2007 and 2008 and the time off re-energized him. Then came an offer to drive for elite Hendrick Motorsports, and Martin has thrived.

At 50, he's the elder statesmen of the 12-driver Chase field. But his high performance has made him a favorite for his first title. "As long as I can have fun, compete at a high level and have the opportunity to win, I'm going to continue to do this," Martin said. "I'm having a blast, and that's always been most important to me and my family."

Martin initially agreed to just one full season in the No. 5 car for Rick Hendrick, with an option to run at least a partial schedule in 2010. But he signed on for all of next year after a win in April at Phoenix — Martin's first victory since 2005.

He's also earned wins at Darlington, Michigan and Chicago, and the four wins this year equal the number of races he won from 2000 to 2008. He's also won six poles. □



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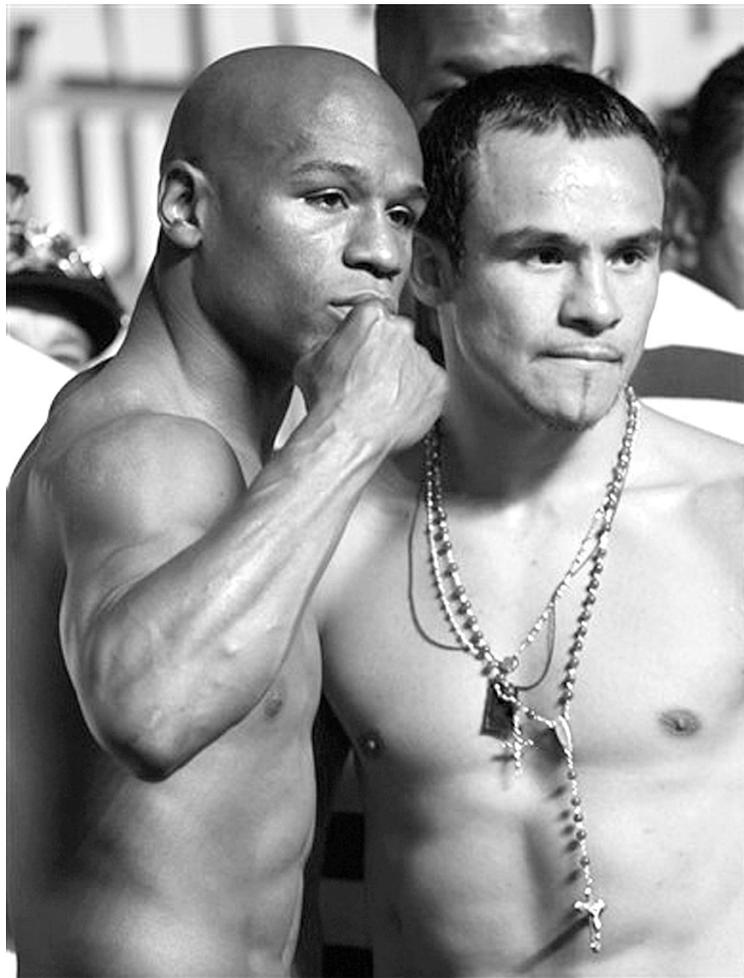
COLLEGE PARK, Maryland (AP) — Tamika Catchings had 26 points and 12 rebounds as the Indiana Fever opened the fourth quarter with a 17-3 run to pull away from the Washington Mystics for an 88-79 victory in the WNBA playoffs on Thursday. Katie Douglas added 19 points and Briann January was a spark off the bench with 16 — all in the second half — for the Fever in the opener of their Eastern Conference first-round series. Indiana came into the playoffs having lost seven of its last 10 games, but the Fever improved to 5-0 against the Mystics this season. Crystal Langhorne led Washington with 18 points and 10 rebounds. Game 2 of the best-of-3 series is on Saturday. Silver Stars 92, Mercury 91 At San Antonio, Sophia Young scored 24 points to lead San Antonio past Phoenix in the opening game of the Western Conference first-round series. The previous two Western



Washington Mystics' MATEE AJAVON (22) tries to stop Indiana Fever's Tamika Catchings (24) during the first half of an WNBA basketball playoff game, Thursday, Sept. 17, 2009, in College Park, Md. The Fever won 88-79.

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Conference champions will play Game 2 in Phoenix on Saturday. Edwige Lawson-Wade added 16 points for the Silver Stars, while Becky Hammon had 13, including the clinching free throws with 2 seconds left. Down by 12 points in the third quarter, Phoenix cut the lead to 87-86 on a 12-foot jumper by Cappie Pondexter with 1:12 left, but that's as close as the Mercury would get. Penny Taylor led the Mercury with 18 points and Diana Taurasi, DeWanna Bonnor and Pondexter all added 15. □



**MAYWEATHER**

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While Mayweather intends to pick up his unblemished career right where he left it, Marquez (50-4-1, 37 KOs) sees their welterweight bout as the biggest moment of his career — and so he'll be bigger than he's ever been. Just two fights after his first move up to 135 pounds, he weighed in at 142 to take on a taller, heavier fighter with a longer reach. Judging by the long odds in Vegas' sportsbooks, most people can't imagine how the smaller Mexican star can compete with the former pound-for-pound

king. Yet the 36-year-old Marquez is a tenacious competitor even by his sport's lofty standards, with a stubborn streak as long as Mayweather's property line. Marquez apparently didn't hesitate to stay in the bout even when Mayweather informed him early Friday he wouldn't make the 144-pound catch weight limit. After impressive victories over Juan Diaz and Joel Casamayor in the past year, Marquez likely would be a favorite against any fighter below 140 pounds except Manny Pacquiao. Instead, he'll get \$2 million — and another big chunk of change after the weight brouhaha — to take a shot at Mayweather. "My style

is different," Marquez said. "I try not to get hit. ... I can use his fight with (Jose Luis) Castillo to see what to do. I will show more intelligence. (Castillo) showed pressure, pressure."

Marquez's counterpunching style could be tough to use against Mayweather, the best defensive fighter of his generation. If Mayweather can dodge and duck punches as he usually does while occasionally stinging Marquez, he could control the bout and perhaps even hurt Marquez enough for a stoppage.

Although Mayweather insists he never watches tapes of his opponents "because I don't have to," Roger Mayweather is a boxing encyclopedia who sees every big fight and has loud opinions about everybody who doesn't measure up to his nephew. "There's a blueprint on how to beat Marquez," Mayweather Jr. said. "There's not a blueprint on how to beat me."

Mayweather never got out of shape during his sojourns away from boxing, still spending countless late nights training in his boxing gym and shooting hoops at the local courts. Even the father who raised him as a fighter thinks Mayweather should have little trouble reclaiming his top spot. "Anybody loses a little bit after a layoff, but he's got enough to take care of business," Mayweather Sr. said. □

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# Ecuador asume base militar EEUU en medio agrio debate región

MANTA, Ecuador (Reuters) - Ecuador asumió el viernes oficialmente las operaciones de una base militar usada por Washington durante una década, en medio de un fuerte debate por un plan de Colombia para autorizar a soldados estadounidenses utilizar áreas similares.

La base militar -ubicada en el puerto de Manta, a unos 250 kilómetros al oeste de Quito-comenzó a operar desde 1999 para la detección de actividades ilícitas en las costas del océano Pacífico, una de las principales rutas de tráfico de la cocaína que viaja desde América Latina hacia Estados Unidos y Europa. Pero, tras la negativa del presidente izquierdista Rafael Correa para renovar el acuerdo, Washington se vio obligado a mirar a Colombia para sustituir la base ubicada en Ecuador y continuar con la

lucha antidrogas en la región.

Bogotá próximamente firmará con Estados Unidos el acuerdo para permitir la utilización de siete bases en su territorio, lo que despertó críticas y temores en la región sobre una eventual expansión militar de Washington.

Venezuela, el más radical de la región, incluso puso a revisión sus relaciones diplomáticas con Colombia y agitó el fantasma de un enfrentamiento bélico por considerarlo una amenaza. Ecuador y Bolivia se han sumado a las críticas.

“La recuperación de la base de Manta es un triunfo de la soberanía y de la paz”, dijo el canciller ecuatoriano, Fander Falconí, durante un acto castrense en el que la Fuerza Aérea asumió las operaciones de la base, un espacio de unas 27 hectáreas dentro de instalaciones militares ecuatorianas. □



El comandante en jefe de la Fuerza Aérea ecuatoriana, Rodrigo Bohórquez, enseña unos equipos para operar naves sin piloto en una base militar en Manta, Ecuador, 18 sep 2009. REUTERS/Guillermo Granja

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